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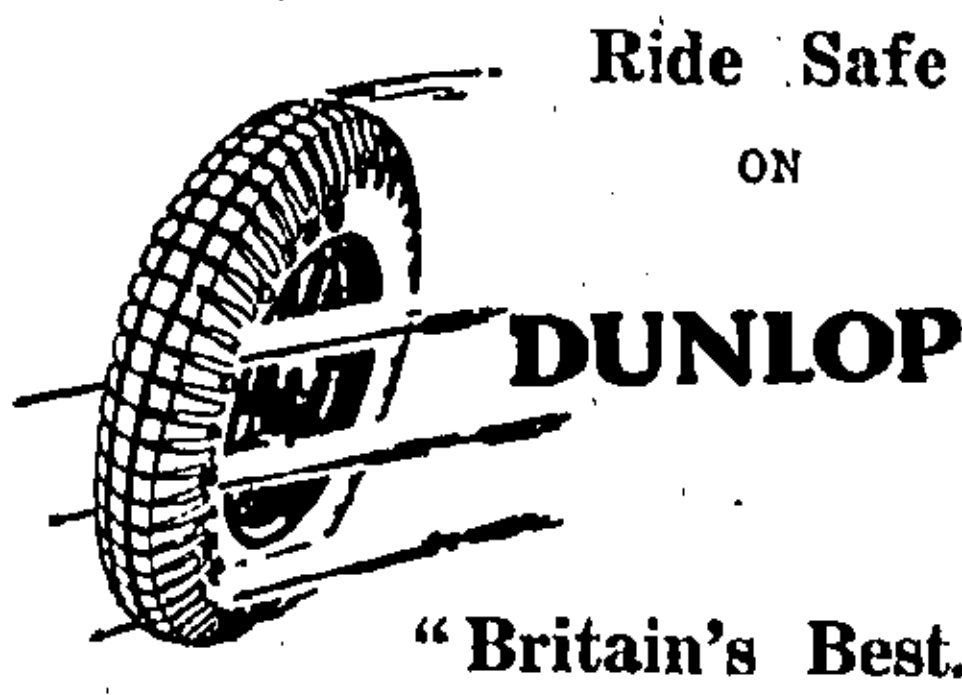
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DESERT AREAS TO BE OPENED UP.

Development of Aerial Transport.

SINGLE CONTROL.

Rugby, Yesterday. Lord Trenchard, in the House of Lords this evening, asked a question on the unification of control and policy in Middle East. He referred to the area situated between Aden and the Persian Gulf, which was being dealt with by three Governments — the Governments of India, Bombay and at Home. With the development of aerial and other transport, this desert area was going to be progressively opened up and, in the interests of efficiency and economy should, he thought, be unified under one department in one place.

Lords Plumer, Lloyd, Lamington and Stonehaven supported his remarks.

Lord Passfield, replying for the Government, said that this subject was still engaging the attention of the Government. There was a great deal to be said for avoiding a multiplicity of control, but it was not possible in the present circumstances for one Government department to deal with the different countries in the area.

The difficulties arose mainly from the nature of the problems and not from the multiplicity of authorities. He suggested that there could be nothing better than the present co-ordination of three fighting services in Committee of the three Chiefs of staffs under the Committee of Imperial Defence. All questions of policy in the Middle East were dealt with, not by this or that Government Department, but by His Majesty's Government as a whole.

After Lord Trenchard had welcomed the statement that the Government did not intend to part with the control of these territories the debate ended. — British Wireless Service.

AGAINST LEAGUE.

STAGGERING BLOW TO U.S. PARTICIPATION.

BEAVERBROOK'S EXPOSURES.

Washington, May 19. British antagonism to the League of Nations, so powerfully expressed by Lord Beaverbrook dealt a staggering blow to-day to the campaign to put this country into the League Court.

Lord Beaverbrook's exposure of the League machinations confirmed the view of those senators who have been fighting for over a decade to keep this country out of European entanglements.

Throughout the long fight Senators Borah of Idaho, Johnson of California, Moses of New Hampshire and other Court foes have insisted that the League was a breeder of war instead of an aid to peace. — American Wireless.

BANDITS ACTIVE.

FIERCE ATTACK MADE IN NICARAGUA.

THREE HOURS' ENGAGEMENT.

Washington, May 19. Subsidence of insurgent activity on the East Coast of Nicaragua was followed to-day by a report to the Navy Department of a fierce attack by a well armed band on a town in the North Western section, the centre of many past disturbances.

Colonel Frank B. Garrett commanding the Second Marine Brigade at Managua, said one hundred bandits assaulted Palacaguala yesterday morning, all armed with machine guns, rifles and hand and rifle grenades. The insurgents withdrew after a three hours' engagement during which many houses were damaged by bombs and rifle fire. — American Wireless.

SENATORS CRASH PLANE.

Sacramento, Calif., May 18. Governor Rolph's airplane, provided for in a \$75,000 Appropriation Bill, was but a wrecked hope to-day. The Senate crashed it last night by a disapproving vote of 22 to 16 after taking many carefully aimed shots, verbally, at it. — American Wireless.

CHINA'S INJUSTICE TO BRITONS.

A Pertinent Question in the Commons.

MINISTER TO ENQUIRE.

London, Yesterday. Asked by Mr. A. M. Samuel in the House of Commons to-day to request His Majesty's Minister in China to ascertain the reasons why certain British employers of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company were dismissed when the company was taken over by the Chinese National Government, Dr. Hugh Dalton emphasised that Sir Miles Lampson had taken a close interest in the affairs of the company since its reorganisation in 1928 and had made representations from time to time on behalf of certain of its British employees.

Dr. Dalton promised to request Sir Miles Lampson to enquire into the case of one ex-employee who had not yet received the salary due to him in lieu of notice, although the Chinese Judge had decided in his favour, and to take any action he properly could. — Reuter.

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Dayton, Ohio, May 18. Uncle Sam marshalled his army air strength to-day for the most gigantic aerial spectacle in fifteen years in the annual army air manoeuvres.

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FOR NORTH POLE.

NAUTILIUS TO START IN ONE WEEK.

New London, Connecticut.

May 18. In another week, it was estimated here, the Nautilus, the submarine in which Sir Hubert Wilkins plans to reach the North Pole, will be on its way to the Arctic regions.

The submarine was taking in 8,258 gallons of fuel oil at a wharf here to-day.

The craft will probably be kept at its wharf here until Thursday of next week, when it will head for Provincetown, Massachusetts. — American Wireless.

TRAIN LEAPS TRACKS.

Old Woman Killed In House.

Cincinnati, Ohio, May 18. One woman was dead and five persons were suffering serious injuries to-day after a Big Four passenger train travelling 60 miles per hour, leaped the tracks and crashed into a house at Lockland, eleven miles from here.

The woman, Mrs. Rose Earhart, 76, was seated in the kitchen of her home with her husband, when the engine tore through the side of the dwelling and overturned, burying her beneath the wreckage. — American Wireless.

CAPT. ROBERT DOLLAR.

San Rafael, Calif., May 18. Captain Robert Dollar is reported to be slightly weaker to-day, with a normal pulse and respiration.

ASSAULT ON CHINESE DETECTIVE.

Soldiers Remanded in Military Custody.

VICTIM RECOVERS.

On the charge that they unlawfully and maliciously wounded, or inflicted grievous bodily harm on Detective P.C. Chau Kin in Pedder Street, on the night of May 3, Private P. J. Brian and Private H. James, both of the South Wales Borderers, made their third formal appearance before Mr. E. H. Williams, in the Second Police Court this morning.

Detective Inspector K. W. Andrew informed his Worship that he had consulted with the doctor, who stated that the detective was definitely out of danger, and would be discharged from hospital in about seven or ten days' time. However, the patient was unable at present to state exactly what happened immediately before or after the alleged attack, added the Inspector.

His Worship accordingly remanded defendants for a week in military custody.

ARGUMENT OVER THE FATE OF EXTRALITY.

Minister Refuses to Give Information.

STILL CONFIDENTIAL.

London, Yesterday. Replying to Mr. J. S. Wardlaw Milne in the House of Commons to-day as to whether the resumed negotiations in Nanking in regard to extraterritoriality were based on the same instructions from His Majesty's Government as the previous negotiations, Dr. Hugh Dalton declined to answer. He said that the instructions given by His Majesty's Government to the negotiators must remain confidential while the negotiations were progressing.

Mr. Wardlaw Milne: "Is it not desirable for the House to know the basis of these negotiations?"

Dr. Dalton replied: "Not at present." — Reuter.

ROUND TABLE TALK.

Plenary Session to Open in September.

TO BE HELD IN LONDON.

Simla, Yesterday. The next meeting of the Federal Structure Committee will be held in London on June 29. The plenary session of the Round Table Conference will start in London during the first week in September. — Reuter.

FORGED STAMPS ?

FOUND IN POSSESSION OF CHINESE.

BAIL OF \$20,000.

To Luk was this morning charged at the Kowloon Magistracy, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton with uttering ten \$10 stamps purporting to be Hong Kong Government revenue stamps, at Yaumati on May 18.

He is also jointly charged, with a man named Fung Chau-pun, with having unlawful possession of 240 stamps, purporting to be Hong Kong Government revenue stamps, at the Kum Toi Hotel, Nathan Road, on May 19.

Bail of \$20,000 was allowed.

WOMAN FLIER.

New York, May 18. Ruth Nichols, the noted aviatrix, to-day revealed her plans for proposed solo trip to Europe.

Miss Nichols will hop off before the end of the month for Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, she said, there to await favourable weather for her flight to either Paris or London, depending on climatic conditions. — American Wireless.

MURDER OF BRITON

TERRIBLE AFFAIR IN KOWLOON.

N.A.A.F.I. HEAD

BODY FOUND IN POOL OF BLOOD.

A terrible stabbing affair took place at No. 2, Luna Buildings, Kimberley Road, Kowloon, some time between the hours of 2 a.m. and 10 a.m. to-day, the victim of the outrage being Mr. Douglas G. Carstairs, Area Manager of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute, and at the time of his death in charge of the whole concern in Hong Kong.

Mr. Carstairs was last seen alive at 2 a.m. He was entertaining three other Europeans, also connected with the N.A.A.F.I., who had been with him since 8 p.m. yesterday. When they left, Mr. Carstairs was in the best of spirits.

This morning the "boy" and the ayah could not get into the flat through the back door, and failed to get any response after knocking loudly. Much alarmed they went to the house next door, and aroused the occupants who went into Mr. Carstairs's flat through the front door. Proceeding to the bedroom they found his body lying on the bed in a pool of blood.

Mr. Carstairs had been stabbed in the abdomen, and a knife, with which the dastardly deed had been done, lay beside him. The body, dressed only in a singlet, lay doubled up on its side. There were no signs of a struggle, and the room was not disarranged in any way. The knife was a double-edged one of Chinese pattern.

The Police were speedily summoned to the scene, and investigations are being made.

No motive for the crime can yet be found, and any robbery theory has been shattered by the fact that nothing has been touched.

Mr. Carstairs was of Scottish nationality.

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone is passing on the East of Japan.

Depressions are central near Shanghai and over Tongking.

Forecast: Slight, variable winds; fair to showery.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—0.08 inch. Total since January 1—20.49 inches against an average of 18.65 inches—excess 1.84 inch.

Temperature. The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	78
Macao	79
Pratas Island	83
Foochow	65
Manila	81
Amoy	72
Chefoo	53
Shanghai	65

NO "MATES" IN NAVY.

Candidates For Promotion To Be "Acting Lieutenants."

Rugby, Yesterday. Replying in the House of Commons to a question to-day, the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, said that the new scheme of promotion had been approved by the Board of Admiralty as the result of the report of the Committee set up to inquire into the working of the "Mate scheme."

It was proposed to drop the title of Mate and promote the selected candidates from the lower deck to the rank of Acting Sub-Lieutenant and Acting Lieutenant. — British Wireless Service.

HOME CRUISERS FOR S. AMERICA.

Two Warships to Join the Main Division.

COMMODORE APPOINTED.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Admiralty announce that it has been decided that two of the cruisers of the American and West Indies Squadron shall form a South American Division to be under the Command of the Second Class. These vessels will cruise in South American waters and will join the main division of the squadron annually for exercises.

It is intended that the new arrangement shall take effect when H.M.S. Durban arrives in the station to relieve H.M.S. Despatch probably in September next, and that the Commodore of the Second Class shall fly his broad pennant in the Durban.

Captain Laineport has been selected for the post. — British Wireless Service.

TRUTH ABOUT MUI TSAI SYSTEM.

Hours of Work in Domestic Service.

WAGES AND CONDITIONS.

London, Yesterday. Further questions in regard to the Mui Tsai system in Hong Kong were asked in the House of Commons to-day.

Replying, Dr. Drummond Shiels stated the minimum wages and conditions of employment of mui tsai, remarking with regard to the latter that mui tsai were normally employed in domestic duties and there was no statutory limitation of hours of work in domestic service.

Dr. Shiels promised to ask the Governor whether reports on the treatment of mui tsai could be obtained from Inspectors employed by charitable Societies. — Reuter.

WORLD CREDIT BANK.

Approved by European Union Commission.

MR. HENDERSON DEMURS.

Geneva, Yesterday. The Commission of the European Union has approved of the creation of an International Agricultural Credit Bank to assist farmers of central and south-eastern Europe, but Mr. Henderson demurred, wishing to confer with the British Government. — Reuter.

WHEAT QUOTA.

POSSIBLE AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA.

FIXED QUANTITY?

London, Yesterday. The Soviet delegation at the London conference, wherein eleven wheat exporting countries are sitting privately, agreed in principle to a scheme for the establishment of an international wheat quota, says the News Chronicle.

This means that Russia would only export to Britain a fixed quantity of wheat, as governed by the international agreement. — Reuter.

DISARMAMENT.

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN GENEVA.

Geneva, Yesterday. The League Council to-day decided that the Disarmament Conference to be held next year shall meet at Geneva. — British Wireless Service.

RESCUED FROM COWCATCHER.

Clarksburg, W. Virginia, May 18. Hanging by his clothes to the "Cowcatcher" of a locomotive, as it reared over a high trestle, Elias McWhorter was rescued by train men to-day, after a passenger train had crashed into his farm wagon, and killed his two horses. — American Wireless.

BRITISH GOVERNOR GIVES UP POST.

Permission to Retire for Private Reasons.

SIR JOHN DU CANE.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Colonial Office announces that General Sir John Du Cane has applied for permission to relinquish for private reasons his appointment as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Malta as from June 13 next, and the King has been pleased to accede to his request. Permission has also been accorded him to retire from the Army as from the same date.

Sir John has been Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Malta since 1927, prior to which date he had been for three years in Commanding the British Army of the Rhine. During the latter part of the War he commanded the 15th Corps on the Western Front and was afterward British representative with Marshal Foch. — British Wireless Service.

PROBLEM OF OUR OIL SUPPLY.

Production from Coal Urged by Scientist.

RESEARCH NEEDED.

Rugby, Yesterday. In a maiden speech in the House of Lords to-night, Lord Rutherford, the famous scientist, recounted the experiments being conducted here for the production by various processes of the oil from coal. He emphasised the desirability of Britain possessing an independent oil supply and this could alone be procured through coal.

Natural oil at present was being sold at such a low price that its production from coal could not be effected at the equivalent cost, but in future prices might rise and the situation change. Experiments had, however, shown that it was scientifically possible to provide the bulk of the British oil supply from available coal. He strongly urged the value of continuing research on the subject. — British Wireless Service.

HOME RADIO.

REPORT OF THE BROADCASTING CORPORATION.

London, Yesterday. The annual report of the British Broadcasting Corporation shows that the number of licences issued up to December 31, 1930, was 3,411,900, being an increase of 455,000 on the preceding years. These figures include those licences issued free to the blind which now exceed 19,000.

The gross receipts from licences amounted to approximately £1,696,000, of which the Corporation received £1,043,000, the balance of £653,000 being shared between the Post Office and the Treasury. — British Wireless Service.

DIAMOND TRADE.

RESTRICTION ON PRODUCTION TO END.

Amsterdam, Yesterday. The committee of the Amsterdam Diamond Exchange has adopted a proposal by the international committee for the diamond trade and industry to put an end on May 24 to the restriction on production in the diamond industry, owing to the refusal of South African producers to join the restriction scheme. — Reuter.

G. MACMANUS.

Made Aide-De-Camp To Governor Of Kentucky.

Louisville, Kentucky, May 19. George McManus, cartoonist and creator of "Jiggs and Maggie" was made an Aide-De-Camp of the Governor of Kentucky to-day and given the rank and authority of a Kentucky Colonel.

He was formally commissioned by Governor Flen D. Sampson in a ceremony in front of the Club house of Churchill Downs just before the running of the Kentucky Derby. — American Wireless.

DOCTOR'S "BOY" FINED.

Illegal Possession of 1,440 Taels of Opium.

CONCEALED IN BUNK.

Au Kai was charged in the Central Police Court this morning before Mr. Walter Schofield with the unlawful possession of 1,440 taels of raw opium without a permit. Defendant pleaded "guilty."

Outlining the case, Sub-Inspector Carey said that the defendant was employed as a "boy" to the doctor on board the s.s. Deli Maru, which was berthed at the O.S.K. Wharf.

The Police boarded the vessel and in the doctor's cabin found two baskets, which contained the drug, under a bunk. The bunk was so constructed that it left a space of four feet by three feet, and the two baskets were placed there. The Deli Maru, he said, was bound for Amoy, having arrived from Canton last night.

Mr. Schofield remarked that it was a very big quantity of opium. The Magistrate (to defendant): How long have you been employed on this ship? — Since first or second moon last year.

What did you intend to do with this opium? — A friend in Canton handed me the parcel to take to Amoy. He told me that the parcel contained torches.

Replying to his Worship, Sub-Inspector Carey said that both baskets were sewn across the top with string, and were "very heavy."

Remarking that the value of the haul was \$5,760, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$50,000, with the alternative of one year's hard labour.

STRIKE RIOTS.

ROUGH TIME FOR THE POLICE.

STONED BY MOB.

Stockholm, Yesterday. Mounted and foot police have had a very rough time, owing to the lawless behaviour of rioters, organised Communists and other Soviet sympathisers, in connection with the strikes all over the country during the past few days.

The police were obliged to charge the rioters, who vigorously resisted when an attempt was made to capture from them banners offensive to the Government. Many people on both sides were injured and had to be sent to hospital.

The police made a sabre charge when they were stoned by the mob and otherwise pelted from the Labour Exchange.

Order was restored after midnight. — Reuter.

PRINCE SWINDLED ?

ANOTHER STORY FROM UNITED STATES.

Philadelphia, May 19. The Department of Justice agents said they had arrested Harry Green alias Callow sought on charges of swindling British subjects, including the Prince of Wales, of six million dollars, early to-day.

He had been sought in Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami and other United States cities after Goddard Haggard, British Consul in Chicago, had asked Federal aid. — American Wireless.

U.S. AIR PROGRAMME.

Washington, May 18. The War-Department to-day denied the reports that the army is abandoning its lighter-than-air aircraft programme as a result of the recent economy programme. — American Wireless.

STOP PRESS

Brussels, To-day. The International Commission on the diamond industry has decided to abolish from May 24 the limitation on production enforced since January 4, owing to South Africa not coming into line, by reducing working hours 60 per cent, which has been applied to European centres. — Reuter.

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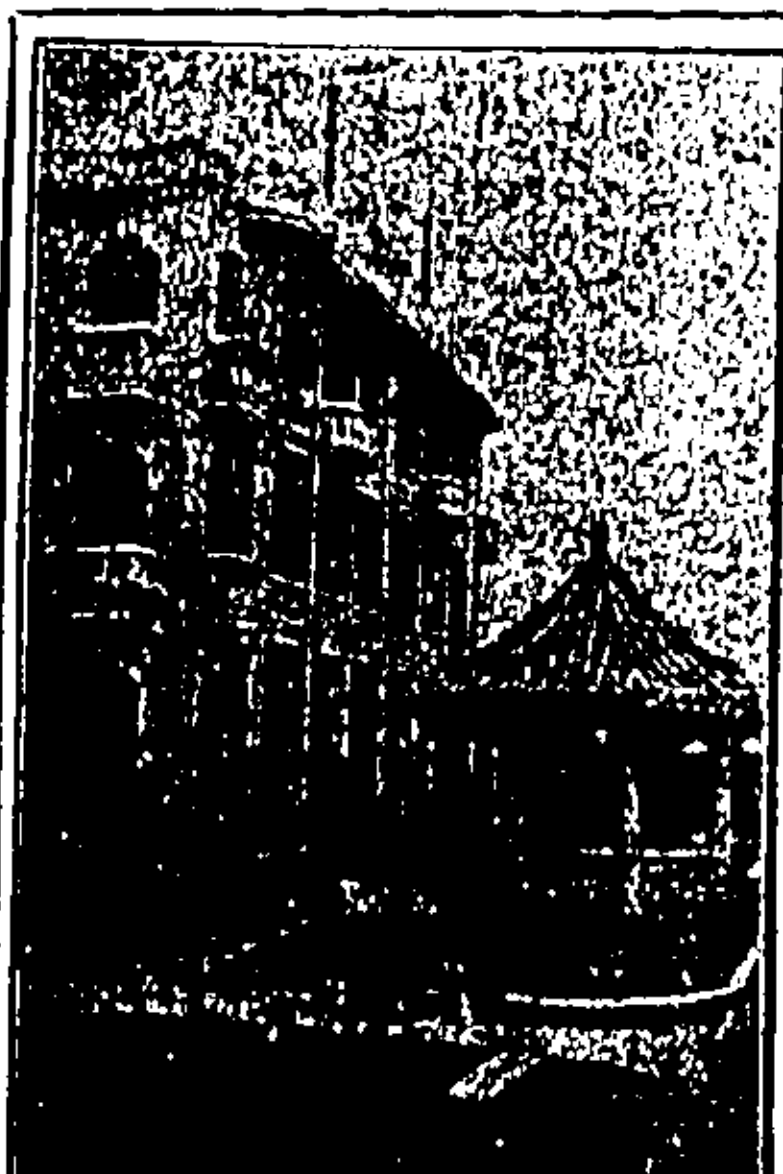
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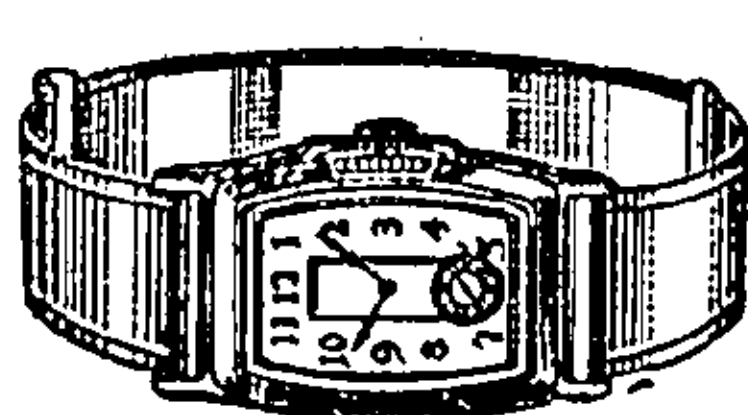
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CLUB.**Subscription Gifts and
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above will CLOSE at Noon on
SATURDAY, 30th May, 1931.By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 14th May, 1931.**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY
CLUB.**

NOTICE.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL
MEETING of VOTING MEM-
BERS will be held at the Club
House, Happy Valley, on WED-
NESDAY, 27th May, 1931, at 5.15
p.m.All members are cordially in-
vited to attend and participate in
any discussion which may ensue.
AND NOTICE is hereby given
that an Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Voting Members of
the Hong Kong Jockey Club will
be held at the Club House on the
27th day of May, 1931, immedi-
ately after the half-yearly meeting
of the Voting Members when the
subjoined resolution will be pro-
posed:—That Article 6 of the Articles
of Association of the Club be
altered by deleting therefrom
the words "Ordinary Members"
and substituting therefor the
words "The number of Ordinary
Members shall be one
thousand two hundred or such
greater number as the Voting
Members shall from time to
time determine."AND NOTICE IS ALSO HERE-
BY GIVEN that a Further Extra-
ordinary General Meeting of the
Voting Members of the Club will
be held at the same place on WED-
NESDAY, the Seventeenth Day of
June, 1931, at a quarter past five
o'clock in the afternoon for the
purpose of receiving a Report of
the proceedings at the above men-
tioned meeting and of confirming
the above mentioned Resolu-
tion.By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong, 14th May, 1931.**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY
CLUB.**THE SIXTH EXTRA RACE
MEETING will be held (wea-
ther permitting) at Happy Valley
on SATURDAY, 23rd and MON-
DAY, 25th May, 1931, commencing
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HEIAN MARU	Tuesday, 30th June.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	Saturday, 30th May.
HAIRUNA MARU	Saturday, 13th June.
KATORI MARU	Saturday, 13th June.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	Saturday, 23rd May.
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 27th June.
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 27th June.
MANILA.	Monday, 1st June.
TAIYO MARU	Monday, 1st June.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Wednesday, 27th May.
† TOKIWA MARU	Wednesday, 27th May.
KAGA MARU	Thursday, 11th June.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	Saturday, 23rd May.
RAKUYO MARU	Saturday, 23rd May.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Monday, 25th May.
† KUMA MARU	Monday, 25th May.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa.	Thursday, 11th June.
† DAKAR MARU	Thursday, 11th June.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Friday, 29th May.
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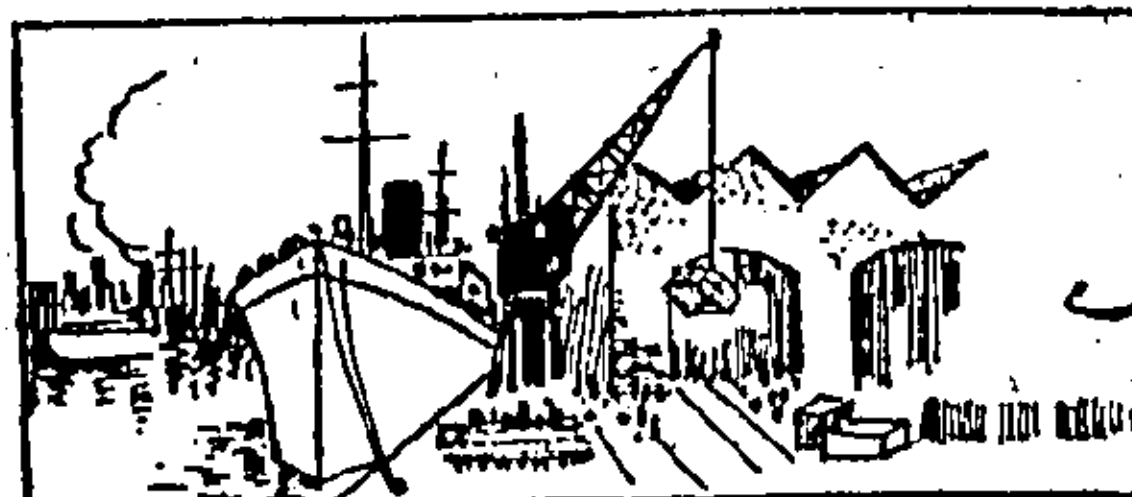
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DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA via Singapore & Colombo.	Chicago Maru	Fri., 5th June
MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Sydney Maru	Fri., 5th June
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon.	Tacoma Maru	Mon., 1st June
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Arizona Maru (From Kobe)	Sat., 23rd May
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JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	Burma Maru	Sun., 24th May
HAIPHONG via Haiphong & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru (under docking)	Thurs., 11th June
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Canton Maru	Sun., 24th May
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Deli Maru	Thurs., 4th June

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Shipping Intelligence.

NATURALISTS WITH THE FLEET.

Research Work During West Indian Cruise.

During the recent visit of the Atlantic Fleet to the West Indies naturalists from the British Museum (Natural History), South Kensington, were for the first time carried in one of his Majesty's ships during the ordinary Spring cruise of a portion of the Navy.

The suggestion that this should be done was first made last year by the Director of the Natural History Museum, with the dual object of obtaining marine specimens for the purpose of classification and research and of interesting officers of the Fleet in the opportunities afforded to amateur naturalists in the Navy. Captain A. K. Totton, an assistant keeper at the Museum at South Kensington, who has specialised in the study of corals, jelly-fish, and zoophytes, was accordingly invited by the Admiralty to sail as a guest in H.M.S. Rodney, accompanied by Mr. S. Stammwitz, a preparator of the Museum skilled in making casts.

The Rodney left Home at the beginning of the second week of January, and the cruise, which included visits to Trinidad, Tobago, St. Vincent and Antigua, was continued with Fleet exercises at Gibraltar, where the naturalists obtained opportunities of acquiring further specimens. The officers of the Museum were away three months altogether, and have now returned with a very large number of specimens of marine animals of all kinds, as well as botanical specimens collected through the co-operation of botanists in the Navy. Many tropical fish, big and small, were collected and preserved in spirits, while Mr. Stammwitz took casts and a number of colour notes from live examples seen during the voyage, which will be of considerable value when completing the casts for exhibition in the galleries.

Captain Totton noted and captured numerous oceanic jellyfish of particular interest. Mollusca, and portions of coral reef were among the classes of life of which he was able to obtain good specimens. The colour-sketches made by Mr. Stammwitz were reinforced by a number of photographs. The full range of discoveries made is not likely to be available to science for some months, since there are many tanks and cases which need unpacking for study, but it is already certain that the Natural History Museum has gained greatly through the courtesy of the Admiralty. Much interest was shown in the work of the expedition by officers of the Rodney and other units in the Atlantic Fleet, and it is hoped that there may be further co-operation between the Museum and the Navy.

FROM CHINA COAST.

Letter to Imperial Merchant Service Guild.

An officer member who is in active service on the China Coast gives—in a letter addressed to one of the agents of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild—the following interesting items of news as regards the shipping position in the Far East:—
"Things have quietened down a lot out here now, and we have had no firing on ships for some months, and it looks as if the civil war has ended for good. Trade has brightened up a bit more, but the low price of silver has had a very bad effect on things in general in China. Still, we are all hoping for a recovery in the near future, and all the merchants seem optimistic about better times ahead."

Appended as a note to the above, the Journal of Commerce writes: The correspondent is of an optimistic frame of mind, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the views expressed as regards an improvement in the shipping position on the China Coast will be justified.

According to German Lloyd statistics, 32 ships aggregating 38,478 gross tons were completely lost in January. Of this number 18 were steamers, 8 motorships, 8 auxiliary sailing ships, and 8 sailing ships. No German vessels were included in these losses. In January, 1,144 steamers, 141 motorships, 41 auxiliary sailing ships, and 60 sailing vessels were damaged at sea.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, May 20.	
Alipore, British str., 3,241 tons, Captain E. P. Lyndon, from Shanghai, buoy No. A14.—M. M. & Co.	
Canton Maru, Japanese str., 1,647 tons, Capt. Y. Iwasaki, from Swatow, O. S. K. Wharf.—O.S.K.	
Cepolis, British str., 3,365 tons, Captain R. S. Grigg, from Tarakan, A.P.C. Wharf.—A.P.C.	
Empress of Japan, American str., 15,725 tons, Capt. S. Robinson, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.S.	
Hai Ning, British str., 832 tons, Captain A. H. Stewart, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.	
Helikon, British str., 1,219 tons, Capt. W. Anderson, from Saigon, buoy No. B19.—Wo Fat Sing.	
Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Captain P. W. Grierson, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.	
Kiangsu, British str., 1,555 tons, Captain E. D. Penhale, from Bangkok, buoy No. A10.—B. & S.	
King Yuan, British str., 1,546 tons, Capt. J. Taylor, from Canton, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.	
Litpota, Norwegian str., 3,171 tons, Capt. J. Froyland, from Singapore, North Point.—A.P.C.	

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bruce—In dock.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Odin—In dock.
Otus—In dock.
Proteus—North arm.
Sandwich—No. 7 buoy.
Seamew—South wall.
Sirdar—West wall.
Somme—No. 13 buoy.
Sterling—North arm.
Tamar—Basin.
Tarantula—North wall.
Thracian—West wall.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Argus—French gunboat.
Beaver—American gunboat; and submarines.
Mindanao—American gunboat.

Sungshan Maru, Japanese str., 1,503 tons, Capt. T. Honjo, from Swatow, buoy No. B21.—N.Y.K.	
Sunning, British str., 1,570 tons, Capt. G. Evans, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.	
Tai Poo Sek, French str., 1,219 tons, Capt. M. Paul, from K. C. Wan, C.M.S.N. Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.	
Taiyuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.	
Van Heutz, Dutch str., 2,749 tons, Captain H. J. G. Blits, from Swatow, buoy No. A16.—J.C.J.L.	

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

THURSDAY, MAY 21.	
Shanghai and Amoy	Newchwang
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London, April 23 and Parcels, April 16)	Ranpura
Java and Manila	Tjondari
FRIDAY, MAY 22.	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, May 2)	President Taft
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, May 4)	Comorin
Japan	Kitano Maru
SATURDAY, MAY 23.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, April 30)	Asama Maru
SUNDAY, MAY 24.	
Shanghai and Swatow	Sinkiang
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, April 29)	Hiye Maru
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjinegara
TUESDAY, MAY 26.	
Japan and Shanghai	Sphinx
Shanghai	Calchas

OUTWARD MAILS.

THURSDAY, MAY 21.	
Saigon	Shun Chih 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Kochow 4 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	
FRIDAY, MAY 22.	
Hohow and Bangkok	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C.)	Empress of Japan (Due Vancouver, B.C., June 10 and Europe via Siberia.)
Parcels	May 22, 4.30 p.m.
Registration	May 23, 9.45 a.m.
Letters	May 23, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Santhia 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, MAY 23.	
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Kitano Maru (Due Thursday Island, June 4.)
Registration	May 23, 8.45 a.m.
Letters	May 23, 9.80 a.m.
Japan and South American Ports	Rakuyo Maru 10 a.m.
Manila	President Taft 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui 5 p.m.
Foochow via Swatow	Chih Shing 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 24.	
Haiphong	Song Bo 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Canton Maru 9 a.m.

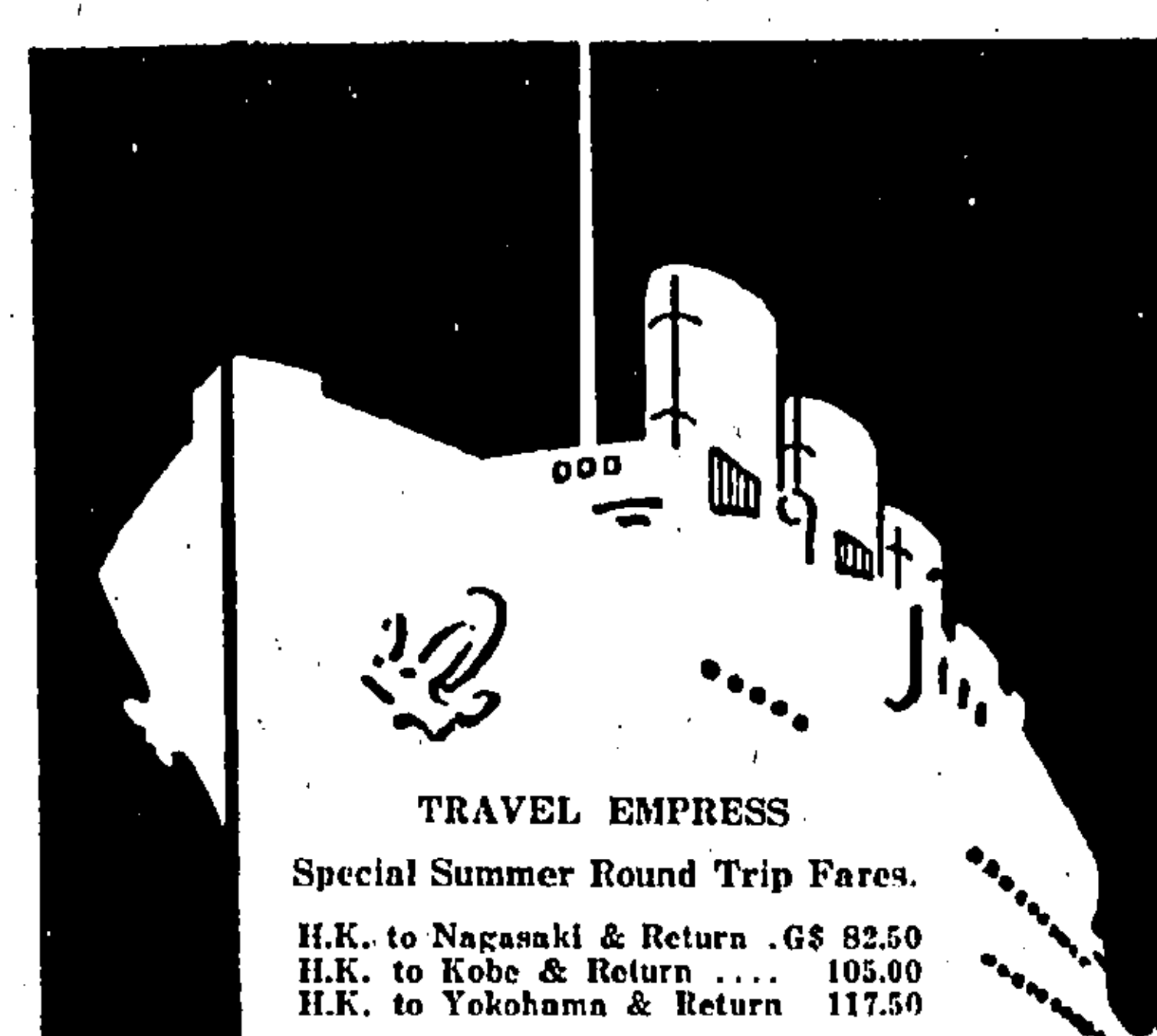
STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The m.v. Siam Prince from New York, sailed from Shanghai on May 20, and is expected to arrive here on May 22.

In the House of Commons, the Attorney-General, replying to a question, said the issues involved in the circumstances of the financial administration of the Royal Mail steam packet company were very complicated. "In due course," he added, "every aspect of the matter will come under my review."

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Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 25	June 27	July 3	July 8
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	July 16	July 20
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 23	July 25	July 31	Aug. 5
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 13	Aug. 17
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	Aug. 27	Aug. 30
Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 10	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	Sept. 24	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 8	Oct. 12

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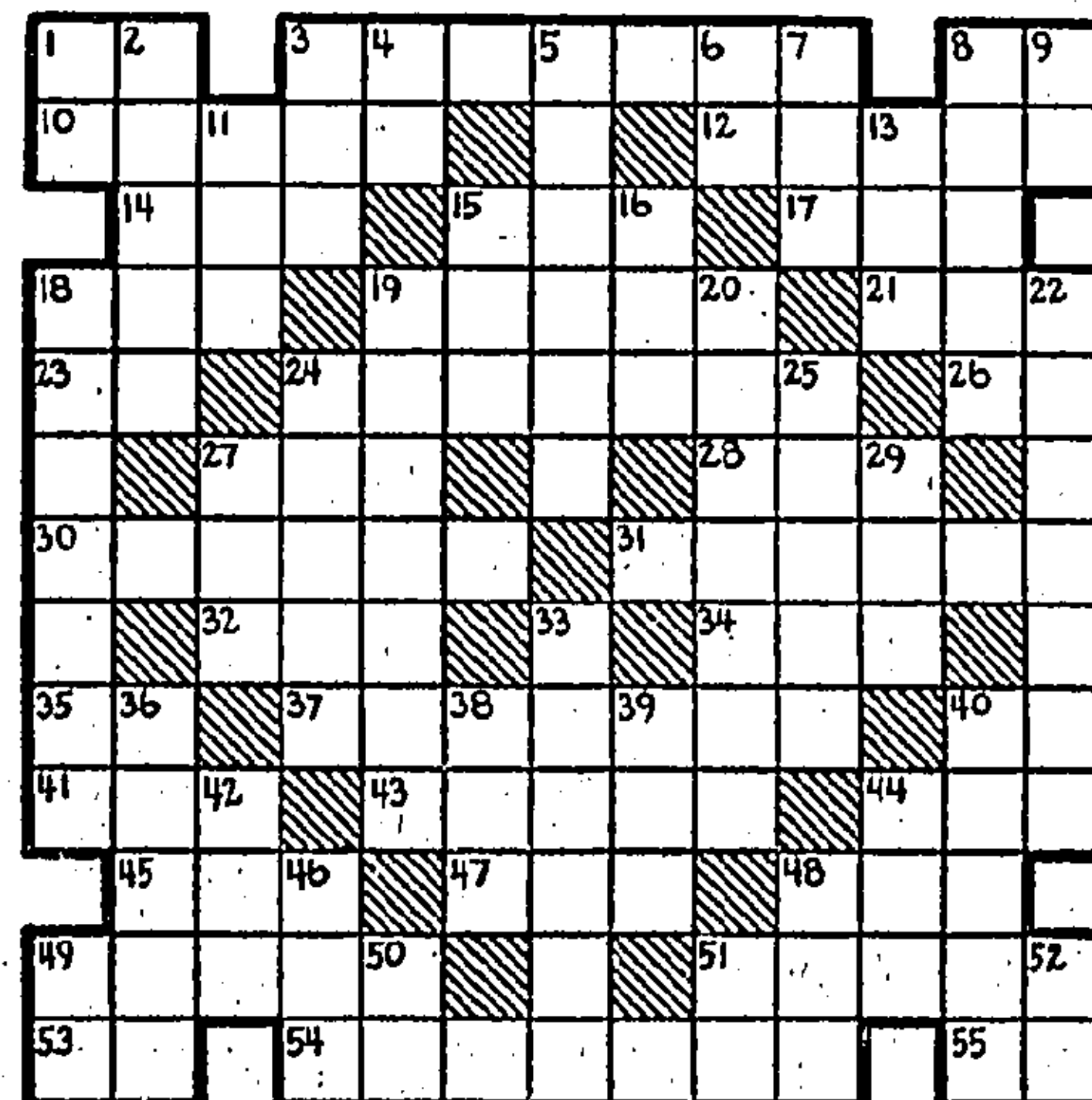
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plover, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Pronoun
- 2-Discharged
- 3-Plural suffix of some nouns
- 4-Scorch
- 5-A Gaelic mother
- 6-A drinking cup
- 7-Comrade
- 8-Prefix before
- 9-Strike
- 10-Domesticates
- 11-Time period
- 12-Editor (abbr.)
- 13-Restrains
- 14-Musical note
- 15-Bustle
- 16-Fish eggs
- 17-Limited in extent
- 18-A small carnivorous animal
- 19-To strike gently
- 20-Mimic
- 21-Pronoun
- 22-Changes for the better
- 23-Because
- 24-Marine distress signal

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 25-Heavy cord (pl.)
- 26-A letter
- 27-The cry of a sheep
- 28-A cough
- 29-Prefix—three
- 30-A telephone salutation
- 31-End
- 32-Comparative suffix
- 33-Those who buy and sell on commission
- 34-Negative reply

VERTICAL

- 1-Exists
- 2-Buy
- 3-Large on
- 4-Pronoun
- 5-River in England
- 6-Half an em
- 7-Sag
- 8-First president of the U.S.A.
- 9-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 10-A hard shell fruit
- 11-Raw meat

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-Equality of value
- 13-The (Fr.)
- 14-Extremely wicked
- 15-A cavalryman
- 16-Brook
- 17-Wasting a purpose
- 18-A French possession in Western Sahara
- 19-Apples lather to
- 20-Point of compass
- 21-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 22-A Russian coin
- 23-Sane
- 24-Free on board (abbr.)
- 25-A color
- 26-Partially to Asia
- 27-Salt (Latin)
- 28-Eagle
- 29-A white linen vestment (Eccl.)
- 30-It is (Poet.)
- 31-Fronton
- 32-Conjunction
- 33-A country of Europe (abbr.)
- 34-Behold

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KASHGAR	17,000	20th June	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KASHGAR	9,000	4th July	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KAWALPINDI	17,000	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
PERIM	7,700	25th July	Marseilles, Havre & London.
KHYBER	9,000	1st Aug.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
SOMALI	6,800	8th Aug.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
PAJPUTANA	17,000	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
PAJPUTANA	6,000	22nd Aug.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KARMALA	9,000	29th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
CATHAY	15,000	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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PERIM	7,700	10th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	7,000	18th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	19th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SOMALI	6,800	27th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SIRDHANA	8,000	2nd July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KHYBER	9,000	2nd July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	7,000	9th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TLAWA	10,000	16th July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
PAJPUTANA	17,000	17th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	8,000	30th July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KARMALA	9,000	31st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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SUEZ CANAL DUES.

CONCESSIONS TO SHIPOWNERS PREDICTED.

London, April 24.
Certain concessions by the Suez Canal Company to the demands of the British shipowners for a reduction of canal dues are predicted by the Information Financier, says a message from Paris. The British Government's attitude, as well as that of the shipowners, is said to be responsible for this. The journal, however, takes care to observe that the reductions will not go as far as the shipowners would like. The reduction urged, it will be remembered, is to 5 francs per ton in the case of loaded ships and to 2½ francs per ton in the case of ships in ballast. The present respective rates are 6.62½ francs and 3.31¼ francs.

The following questions have been asked and answered in the House of Commons:

Mr. Louis Smith asked the Financial Secretary to the Treasury what were the amounts, in sterling, of the dividends paid by the Suez Canal Company in each of the last 10 years?

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence: The sterling value of the dividends paid on the ordinary shares of the Suez Canal Company, including the statutory interest payable on the actions of capital, converted at the rates of exchange ruling at the dates of payment, have been, in round figures, as follows:

For the year	£
1921	2,201,000
1922	2,076,000
1923	2,338,000
1924	2,605,000
1925	2,160,000
1926	3,501,000
1927	3,712,000
1928	4,148,000
1929	4,301,000

The final dividend for the year 1930 has not yet been declared.

Directors' Income Dependent on Profits.

Mr. A. M. Samuel asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs which foreign Governments have, within the past 12 months, approached His Majesty's Government on the subject of Suez Canal dues and have suggested that in the case of the refusal of the Suez Canal Company to reduce the scale of canal dues the matter should be referred to the League of Nations?

Mr. A. Henderson: Inquiries, mostly of an unofficial nature, have recently been made by the German, Italian, Belgian, Netherlands, Swedish and Norwegian Governments as to whether His Majesty's Government proposed to take any action to secure a reduction of the Suez Canal dues. No suggestion has, however, been made that the question should be referred to the League of Nations.

Mr. Samuel: Has the right hon. Gentleman given any reply to those friendly representations?

Mr. Henderson: After all, the purport of the question here is whether it shall be referred to the League of Nations, and no suggestion to that effect has yet been made.

Mr. Wle: Can the right hon. Gentleman say whether any instructions have been given by the British Government to the British Government representatives on the board in regard to the reduction of dues?

Mr. Henderson: I must have notice of that question.

Sir Herbert Samuel: Can the right hon. Gentleman say whether he has had any communication with British shipping interests in this matter?

Mr. Henderson: No, not at the moment.

Mr. Samuel: Is the right hon. Gentleman aware that British shipping interests have made very strong direct representations to the Suez Canal Company itself?

Mr. Henderson: That may be.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the names of the unofficial British directors on the board of the Suez Canal Company; the dates of their appointment; and the amount of their remuneration?

Mr. A. Henderson: The unofficial British directors of the Suez Canal Company are:

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Mr. T. Harrison Hughes (appointed in 1919).

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1923).

Sir Alan G. Anderson (appointed
in 1927).

Sir J. Cadman (appointed in
1927).

Sir T. Royden (appointed in
1929).

The emoluments of all directors of the company, who number 32, are the same. In accordance with the statutes of the company, 2 per cent. of its net profits are reserved for payment of the directors, whose emoluments consequently vary from year to year. The net profits for 1929-30 were approximately £6,000,000, and the total sum paid to the directors was, therefore, approximately £120,000.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy: Does not that answer show that the directors have an interest in keeping up the dues if they are remunerated according to the profits, and is not that a very unsatisfactory position with regard to the directors for whom we are responsible?

Sir H. Samuel: Are we to gather that each director receives a sum of about £4,000 a year, and that such sum will increase if the net profits of the company increase?

Mr. Henderson: That is obviously the case and, I think that the sum mentioned by the right hon. Gentleman is approximately what they receive.

Mr. A. M. Samuel: Is not the broad question of the methods of the administration of the Suez Canal Company needing an overhaul?

Later, Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel asked the President of the Board of Trade whether he is investigating the complaints of British shipowners against the scale of Suez Canal dues; and, if so, will he say when he can make a statement or issue a report upon the position?

Mr. W. Graham: This matter is being carefully considered, and I hope soon to be in a position to make a statement.

Mr. Samuel: Will the right hon. Gentleman take into consideration the fact that complaints were made to the Foreign Office by six great European maritime Powers quite recently?

Mr. Graham: All points will be taken into account. I can assure my hon. Friend that I have received, and continue to receive, a very large number of representations.

Mr. Samuel: Will the President of the Board of Trade therefore in the meantime convey to the board of administration of the Canal Company the fact that their methods are now becoming a source of international friction?

Lieut.-Colonel Sir A. Lambert Ward asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether His Majesty's Government will in future use its voting power in such a way that when British directors are appointed to the board of the Suez Canal Company the appointment to the directorate shall be subject to the proviso of retirement at 65 years of age, in order that the board may be staffed by directors conversant with the changing conditions of export trade as apart from ship owning?

The Financial Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Pethick-Lawrence): In practice, no question arises of His Majesty's Government using its voting power as a shareholder in the Suez Canal Company in connection with the appointment of British directors. It is the custom for the seven unofficial British directors representing British shipping and commerce to fill vacancies by nominating a new director whose appointment is ratified in due course by the Great Assembly. The three official British directors are appointed by His Majesty's Government, and no retiring age has been prescribed.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy: Is

it the practice for the retiring British directors to appoint their successors?

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence: It applies to some extent in the case of the seven unofficial directors to whom I have referred.

Mr. Horre-Belisha: Is it not the case that it does not matter what the British Government do about British directors, because the French have a majority?

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence: I should not agree that the board of directors is entirely governed by considerations of that kind.

Sir Charles Cayzer asked the Financial Secretary to the Treasury what instructions were given by the Treasury to the representatives of His Majesty's Government on the board of the Suez Canal Company with regard to the proposal to use some of the funds of the Suez Canal Company to finance an industrial trust company in Luxembourg?

The Financial Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. Pethick-Lawrence): No instructions were asked for, nor given to, the British Government directors of the Suez Canal Company.

Sir C. Cayzer: In view of the wide-spread demand for a reduction of the canal dues, does the hon. Gentleman consider it proper for this company to invest large sums of money outside its own business in Continental industry which is directly competing with our own, and what action does he propose to take in the matter?

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence: I have already said, in answer to the question, that no instructions were given. I do not adopt the view of the hon. Member as regards the fears which he has expressed.—Singapore Free Press.

HONG KONG TIDES.

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May 27	11.6	1.6

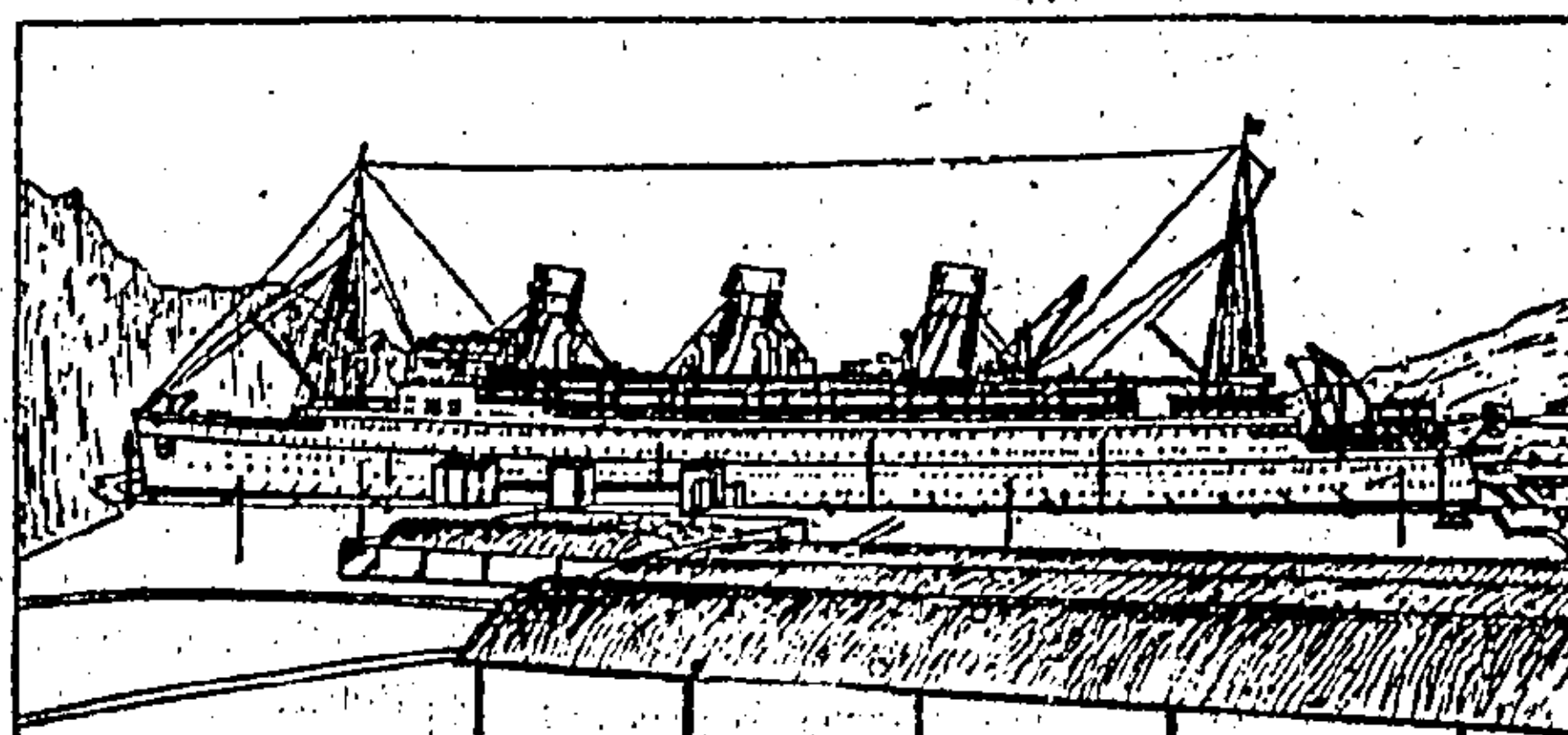
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Hong Kong, Thursday, May 21, 1931.

Going Home by Air.

Residents of Hong Kong should be able to fly Home practically direct, stopping at Saigon and Marseilles en route, before the end of 1932, provided the plans at present being considered by the Imperial Airways and the Governments concerned materialise. Acceleration and extension of the air mail services throughout the Empire to-day is the most widely discussed subject in British civil aviation, and the experts have now fully realised the value of Hong Kong and Singapore as terminals of the Far Eastern routes. Many British experts affirm the principle that mails and passengers should be separately transported. The adoption of this principle would enable the operating company to send the mails by aeroplanes very much faster than the liners at present in use. Lighting of the main routes for night flying would ensure the mails moving during nearly every hour out of each twenty-four; to-day they are stationary for all but the scheduled day-time flying stages. The result of the policy of carrying mails and passengers together, is, in the words of Sir Robert MacLean, that the air mail moves at an average speed from London to India of only twenty-eight miles an hour. Yet high speed is one of the chief assets of air travel, and, calculating on the basis of British aircraft already in existence or building, a day and night air mail service could be operated, once the necessary lighting equipment was laid down. Linking London to Sydney, via India,

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It has been stated by experts that the new British flying boat, such as has been constructed by Messrs. Short Bros., of Rochester, could operate over the distance from London to Hong Kong with a useful load on board, apart from fuel, of 4,000 pounds. A boat of this type is obviously fitted to operate over an "all red" sea route from Britain to the Far East, making the entire journey to Singapore and Hong Kong with lightings on British territory only. The first stage of such a regular service might lie from London to Gibraltar, thence to Malta and Egypt and on down the Persian Gulf to India. Strategic requirements of Empire defence invest the production of flying boats able to operate over stages of this order of magnitude with much importance. In time of war they would obviously constitute an invaluable means of maintaining patrol over the sea routes essential to communications between Great Britain and the Dominions overseas.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 76 degrees. At 10 a.m. the humidity was 99 and at 4 p.m. 91.

The Police have been notified of the loss of a Smith and Weston 38 revolver, which is stated to have been stolen from the cabin of the second engineer aboard the s.s. Sanchuan Maru, between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. yesterday. Ten \$1 Shanghai and Central China Bank notes were also stolen.

Two cases of typhoid fever (one non-Chinese) and one case of cerebro-spinal meningitis were notified yesterday.

The C.I.D. are busily engaged in searching for a Chinese, aged about 27 years, who is alleged to have stabbed a Japanese named Hisao Hasoda during a fight in Johnstone Road last night.

In an attempt to end her life, a woman, Li Chun (28) living at 243 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, jumped into the harbour from Gloucester Road at two o'clock this morning. She was rescued and conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Ten Chinese stowaways who arrived here yesterday on board the s.s. Tjondari were at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning sent to jail for one month. The men, who came from Java, were found mingling with the passengers.

A fine of \$6,760 or in default, six months' hard labour, was imposed on Wan Yu-yip in the Kowloon Police Court to-day, for having possession of 539 lb. of Chinese tobacco on which duty had not been paid. The haul was made by Revenue Officer H. Pearce on board the defendant's fishing junk. A second man was discharged.

Appearing before Mr. E. H. Williams in the Second Police Court yesterday charged with possession of a revolver and 14 rounds of ammunition, a Chinese youth, who was defended by Mr. D. B. Evans, declared that he had never seen a revolver in his life. At the conclusion of the evidence his Worship adjourned the case until to-morrow.

In the Kowloon Police Court this morning Cheung Chi-nok pleaded not guilty to the theft of a rattan basket containing a cotton quilt, the property of Tsang Hon, at the Kowloon Railway Station, yesterday. Accused said that the basket was his, but at the Police Station, he could not produce a key to unlock it. Complainant had a key which fitted the lock. Four months' hard labour was imposed.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 353 metres:

6-8 p.m.—European Programme of H.M.V. & Victor Records kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

6-6.20 p.m.—Band Selections.

The Bells of St. Malo (Rimmer),

Semper Fidelis March (Souza),

The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards (B2647).

Le Pere de La Vieille (Ganne),

Sambre et Meuse (Planquette),

La Garde Republicaine Band (B2908).

Raymond—Overture

(Thomas arr. Godfrey),

The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards (C1440).

6.20-6.41 p.m.—Organ Solos.

The Sacred House (Ketchaby),

In a Japanese Garden (Higgs),

Reginald Fort (B3197),

Drink to me Only with Thine Eyes (Calcott),

Salut D'Amour (Elgar),

Reginald Fort (B3468),

Shepherd's Lullaby (Hewitt),

At Dawning (Gedman),

F. Rowland-Tims, F.R.C.O. (B3021).

6.41-7.07 p.m.—Musical Comedy.

Chorus—

"Ol' Man River"—"Show Boat"

The Revellers (21241).

Song—

"If Love Were All"—"Bitter Sweet"

Ivy St. Helier, Soprano (B3144).

Piano Solo—

"Wake Up and Dream"—Medley,

Carroll Gibbons (B3031).

Vocal Duet—

"Thinking of You"

"Five O'Clock Girl"

Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham (B3029).

Song—

"A Room with a View—

"This Year of Grace"

Mary Make Believe

"This Year of Grace"

Noel Coward, Baritone (B2719).

7.07-7.45 p.m.—Instrumental Music.

Violin Solo—

Sielanka (Wienlawski),

Poem (Fibich-Kubelick),

Ruth Posselt (4184).

Piano Solo—

Polish Dance (Scharwenka),

Humoresque (Dvorak),

Hans Barth (20203).

String Quartet—

"The Emperor" Quartet (Haydn),

London Symphony Air (Arr. Bridge),

Violin Solo—

On Wings of Song (Mendelssohn),

(a) Jota (de Falla),

(b) Puck (Grieg-Achorn),

Jascha Helfetz (6818).

7.45-8 p.m.—Humorous Songs.

Spread a Few Dark Shadows,

Ana Penin (B3249).

Soused Errands, Will Kings (B3191).

Ponso (My Hot Spanish Kisses),

Gracie Fields (B3585).

Minnie Low, Sophie Tucker (B2049).

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

8.30-10.27 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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TALK TO LANCASTHIRE ON BOYCOTT.

COMPATRIOTS ADVICE.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Mr. Srinivasa Sastry, who was one of the delegates to the India Round Table Conference in London, speaking last night on the Indian situation, said if the decisions of the Round Table Conference were alterable they were alterable on both sides, but Mr. Gandhi, he was certain, was now coming to the conference with the idea of safeguards, which were to be the means of turning temporary truces into permanent peace.

Speaking of the boycott movement, he said he did not doubt that when Mr. Gandhi was helped to realise what the situation in Lancashire really was, he could soon make it clear that he was actuated by the most human intentions, and would devise some means of relieving the situation consistent with India's righteous desire to establish her economic independence.

He hoped that Mr. Gandhi when he came to England would visit Lancashire and meet the Lancashire people, and talk with them about the boycott that he had inspired.—British Wireless Service.

SCOTT'S FLIGHT.

HOPS OFF FROM SYDNEY FOR BRITAIN.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Lieutenant Scott left Sydney to-day, and expects to arrive at Wyndham, in Western Australia, on Monday, in an attempt to fly to England in a new record time.—British Wireless Service.

Sydney, Yesterday.
The airman, Lt. Scott, who established a new record flight from England to Australia on April 10, started his return flight to England at 8.25 a.m. to-day.—Reuter.

[Lt. Charles Scott arrived at Port Darwin at 5.50 p.m. on April 10, his total time from England being 219 hours, beating Kingsford Smith's record solo flight by eighteen hours.]

HOME BY-ELECTION.

COMMUNIST CANDIDATE AGAIN DEFEATED.

London, Yesterday.
The by-election at Ognore, due to the death of the Rt. Hon. Vernon Hartshorn, resulted as follows:—

Mr. Edward Williams (Lab.) 19,356

Mr. Ross Campbell (Com.) 5,219

Labour majority 14,137

—Reuter.

The General Election poll was:

Mr. V. Hartshorn (Lab.) 22,900

Mr. D. L. Powell (Lib.) 11,824

Mr. H. Abbott (Cons.) 4,161

Mr. J. R. Campbell (Com.) 1,525

Labour majority 11,096

—Reuter.

BUELOW'S MEMOIRS

THE OBJECTIONS OF LORD LONSDALE.

London, Yesterday.
The late Prince von Buelow's memoirs, the publication of which was recently withdrawn as a result of a threat of Lord Lonsdale to bring suit against the publishers for libel, are to be published with an italicised footnote to the effect that the statements objected to by Lord Lonsdale are entirely without foundation.—Reuter.

SIAMESE KING.

EYE REGAINS NORMAL SHAPE.

Purchase, N.Y., May 17.
King Prajadhipok's left eye, from which a cataract was removed last Sunday, has completely regained its shape. The Siamese monarch is progressing satisfactorily.—American Wireless.

MAHARANE'S ESCAPE.

The Maharane of Burdwan was asleep in her house near Albert Hall, Kensington, when fire broke out in the house next to hers. She had to leave hurriedly. While firemen were fighting the blaze she watched from the street an unconscious maid being carried out through her house.

It was nearly an hour before the fire was brought under control and she was able to return to her house.

The Maharaja of Burdwan is at present on the Continent.

Mr. A. Hutton Potts, residing at "Highhouse," Mount Davis Road, has reported to the Police that between 7 p.m. on Tuesday and 8 o'clock yesterday morning, some person stole from his chicken-house eight fowls and two geese, valued at \$80 in all.

SHATIN RAILWAY SMASH.

Passengers Describe the Disaster.

MR. WALKER'S STORY.

At the resumed inquiry in the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday, into the circumstances of the railway disaster at Shatin, evidence was given by Dr. Farr, Government Radiologist, who described how his car fell into a hole on the road near Shatin Station. Later came news that a tunnel had collapsed, and he and friends proceeded to the scene of the accident.

Passengers on the train gave evidence as to the smash, after which Mr. G. A. Walker was called. He described how he received a message as to the accident to No. 19 train at 5.30 p.m. He immediately gave instructions for all first-aid men to be collected and sent out by the 5.0 train from Kowloon. The railway officers, Police, and Government doctors were all notified, and witness Mr. Smith started out on the train. When they arrived at Yau-mati station they were informed of a wash-out at Shatin. The train was sent back to Kowloon, and he and Mr. Smith went out by car. They walked to the scene, which they reached about 7 p.m. Dr. Smalley had also arrived in a car, and joined them near Shatin station.

Passengers Cut Off.

Witness saw that every one not injured was endeavouring to extricate the victims. He thereupon turned his attention to getting various passengers into Hong Kong, deciding that they should be sent to Sheungshui, and picked up by motor buses on the Castle Peak Road.

Mr. Arculli drove him down to Shatin to enable him to telephone. However, at the break in the road, he met the I.G.P., who told him that there had been two wash-outs on the Castle Peak Road. The passengers were hence completely cut off north of the train wreck.

Several doctors arrived later from Fanling and other points, and witness left the scene at 2 a.m. There were then a man and boy pinned by the legs under the train. They had to be left, but they were given morphine, and made as comfortable as possible.

Waterfall Diverted.

The telephone cable had broken, witness told the Coroner, but later a temporary phone was installed. It did not occur to him to inform the Harbour Master, as he did not think it likely that help could be sent by sea.

Since the accident the waterfall above the scene had been directed into two streams. At one time there was only one stream, and it had been decided to divert it by the erection of a wall.

The inquiry will be resumed to-morrow.

KING'S THEATRE.

COOLING PLANT A GREAT ASSET.

INSTALLATION COMPLETED.

The cooling plant which was being installed in the King's Theatre is now ready and the preliminary tests made yesterday were highly satisfactory. Comments made by visitors to the Theatre yesterday were very favourable but it will take a few days to adjust the temperature to suit the wishes of the majority.

Patrons will now have the opportunity of enjoying the performances in absolute comfortable surroundings, even during the hottest Summer day. The plant installed is the York Shipley air cooling system as is now being used in all the leading theatres in Europe and the U.S.A.

This is the first installation of its kind in South China.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of May 21, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/4.

Mr. C. F. Mason, solicitor, this morning applied to Magistrate Orme for a re-hearing of the case in which a Chinese fireman, of H.M.S. Moohan, was last week sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour for having unlawfully possession of opium on board the vessel at Wuchow. Mr. Mason said that he was making the application on the ground that the opium was found at Wuchow, the defendant did not come within the jurisdiction of the local Court.

The Magistrate agreed, and said that he had reconsidered the case and decided that the man should return to his ship, with the advice that he be taken to Wuchow to be dealt with by the Chinese authorities.

THE LOG

Of The "TRADER HORN" Expedition.

by W. S. Van Dyke

Editorial to the "China Mail"

Marindi, Uganda, May 22.

For the first time in Africa, the entire "Trader Horn" company is together. When we arrived in Mombasa one cameraman who had preceded us to Africa was in Nairobi. In Nairobi we were with-out another cameraman who had stayed in Mombasa to make an Educational Picture of the Ivory Auction. By the time he had reached Nairobi I had left on my exploration party up country. So there is much festivity to-night in the little hazy town where I received such excellent treatment on the occasion of my previous visit.

I am a little flabbergasted at the size of the combined expeditions. Outside my window I can see the seventeen motor lorries carrying our kit. Across the road in a clearing one hundred boys are pitching their beds and mosquito nets for the night. They are all part of our safari, engaged as personal servants, cooks, porters, and waiters. The two hunters who accompanied me—Major Dickinson and R. C. Bowring have been joined by three more, A. Sydney Waller, who will have charge of the entire safari, J. C. Barnes and H. B. Stanton. Upon the heads of these "old timers" will rest the responsibility of bringing us through the heart of the big game country unscathed.

80 Tons of Kit.

And in addition to the increased personnel—we are carrying, I am informed, more equipment than has ever before been attempted in Kenya and Uganda. We are attempting to take over 80 tons of kit into localities where a load of one ton is considered large. The fact that it has come all the way from Nairobi without mishap is nothing short of miraculous, say the other Europeans in the hotel.

I was greatly amused to learn that I had been given up for lost by certain members of my Nairobi party during the ten days that I



"Do you know enough about football to act as referee?"

"Yes, and what's more, I know enough about it not to."

Dublin Opinion.

was stalking pygmies in the Congo. It seems that Clyde De Vinna, my first camera man who accompanied me, had made definite arrangements with the Nairobi radio station to report our position each night over the short wave set we carry with us. In Arua, on the border of the Belgian Congo, our kit was examined by the Customs officers and it was decided that we would not be allowed to take the radio into the Belgian territory. This left us entirely dependent upon the telegraph and it happened that for all but the last day of our trip, we were not in contact with any of the few stations. The result was that Nairobi radio station reported no response from us, all telegraphic inquiries failed to bring an answer or any word of our whereabouts, and a party of hunters who returned from the vicinity of Arua circulated stories of starved beasts and famine-crazed natives. The odd coincidence of circumstances resulted in nothing less than a small panic among the more gullible members of our company, according to reports which are being heaped upon me to-night.

For Butlaba Again.

Early to-morrow we are to set out for Butlaba again, this time with the entire safari. I have arranged to charter the Samuel Baker, the largest available ship on the Lake, and two tenders, to carry us to Panyamur where we can make camp and take the first shots of the picture. The trucks and more cumbersome equipment can be taken direct to Rhino Camp on subsequent trips of the same boat since it will not be necessary to include the transportation paraphernalia in our camps along the water way. By the time we reach Rhino Camp the lorries should be ready and waiting to transport us overland into the Congo.

Our generator, the nine-ton truck unit, which is so necessary to the success of any professional film undertaking and yet so very difficult to transport, afforded us new worries. A special permit had to

be issued through the Uganda Department of Public Works before it could be driven over the roads at all. The usual limit is 5 tons and most of the bridges along the way are constructed with such limits in mind. When the permission was granted, the worry about getting across the bridge commenced. The two boys who took it over the long 165-mile pull from Kampala to Marindi deserve a vote of thanks from my entire company. They left yesterday at noon, drove all night through swamps and jungles, past every kind of wild game, and arrived here at seven o'clock this morning.

In two instances they stopped to reinforce bridges that looked a bit wobbly and at another time they were held up fifteen minutes by a lioness who refused to leave the middle of the road.

Guests of Governor.

There appear as well to be complications about our proposed visit to Murchison Falls. The Governor, in reply to the overtures of Mr. George Kann, our business manager, Harry Carey and Edwin Booth, all of whom have been guests at his home during my absence, refuses to give his personal approval, maintaining that since the district is part of the infested tsetse fly area it is a matter for his Chief Medical Officer, Doctor Carpenter, to decide. And Dr. Carpenter, it seems, must first make a trip to the falls to look the situation over before he can give his unconditional sanction.

So there the matter rests. Until we hear from Dr. Carpenter we will be required at Panyamur, hoping that he will bring us a favourable answer in good season.

A New Name?

Panyamur, Uganda, May 24.

This, gentle reader, is Africa. When I wrote the heading, Panyamur, I departed slightly from the facts. We are not at Panyamur. But Panyamur is three miles away and that is as close as we can come to an address. Perhaps before we leave I can talk the nearest tribe of natives into calling this location Van Dyke, Uganda, or if they are averse to personal names it could be Camera, or even Film, Uganda.

Yesterday afternoon we dropped anchor off the end of the rude, native-built jetty which is the only landmark of our present camp. At this point on the northern end of Lake Albert, the Victorian Nile joins the White Nile in a maze of Papyrus and floating vegetation. From our camp site, a mile from the water's edge, we can see the Victorian Nile twisting through the marsh land directly opposite us, emptying into the Lake and then turning back north again past our pier to continue on its long journey to the Mediterranean. There is probably no spot more typically African in the continent.

To avoid the obvious danger of insects, snakes and crocodiles we decided to make camp well away from the flat lands bordering the lake. It is typical of the entire shore line of Lake Albert that a dense growth of Papyrus and Elephant grass covers it for a distance varying from one half to two or three miles. Beyond that the land rises to meet the hills, the ground is firm under foot and brush and shade trees are prevalent.

Site "Built to Order."

About a mile directly behind the dock we came upon a camp site "built to order" in the midst of a grove of shade trees. In a few hours the boys had cleared the land of high grass, killing a mamba (snake) in the process, and we succeeded in pitching enough tents to furnish temporary housing for our party. The Samuel Baker and the large in tow are at anchor a few yards off shore in the papyrus. Lake Albert is so shallow throughout that the ships with a draught of over three feet are useless.

With us the circumstance proved fortunate, since we were able to bring both the Baker and its tow within wading distance of shore. Our camp material was landed by our porters in far less time than it would have taken to bring it ashore in canoes, as is the practice when the large ship cannot be brought within easy reach of land.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

HAROLD LLOYD'S LATEST THRILLS.

"FEET FIRST."

When better thrills are made, Harold Lloyd makes them in "Feet First," his latest talkie, which opens to-day at the King's Theatre.

For Harold was thinking of "Safety Last" when he made "Feet First."

"Safety Last" was the greatest thriller that the spectacular genius of mirth-and-gaas ever made. In it he was seen climbing about, falling, and catching himself just in time on the roof-edges and cornices of skyscrapers.

"Feet First" has thrills in it just like that, only more so.

Harold is seen as an ambitious young apprentice shoe clerk who, in his effort to make good with his employer gets into all kinds of humorous situations—putting gun-boat sized shoes on the cute tootsies of his employer's wife; crashing a society ball in order to impress a young lady he falls in love with; finding himself aboard a trans-Pacific steamer without a ticket; hiding in a mail bag only to be picked up and carried with the mail on a ship-to-shore air plane, and finally landing on a painter's scaffolding in mid-air, wrapped up in the mail-bag.

Then follow those hair-raising thrills which are so typically Lloyd. He wriggles free from the bag, looks about him, and realises with horror that a slight jolt will catapult him hundreds of feet to the ground below. He almost loses his grip in one screaming lurch after another, but finally makes a safe descent to terra firma.

Needless to say he wins the girl—and he deserves to, after such a hazardous experience.

The girl is Barbara Kent, the petite charmer who was Harold's leading lady in "Welcome Danger," his first talkie, which had pleased thousands of people.

Others in the cast of this super-special are Robert McWade, Alec Francis, and Lillian Leigh.

"YOUNG MAN OF MANHATTAN."

Love dominates the story of "Young Man of Manhattan," the red-blooded, mile-a-minute, modern-day romance which opened at the Central Theatre yesterday. It's the story of two people who want to live their own lives after marriage and have love too. Katharine Brush, popular magazine writer, created "Young Man of Manhattan" as a Saturday Evening Post serial. Then the story was published in novel form and ran into several editions.

Claudette Colbert, the charming heroine of "The Lady Lies," plays the part of Ann Vaughn, who "only rode in strange men's laps on third Mondays in May. Her eyes are dark, her hair is brown. She has a straight, short little nose, a model chin, pointed yet soft, and dark lashes."

Norman Foster, Broadway stage star, has the title role. He is the Toby McLean created by Miss Brush, and whom she describes as

(Continued in next Column.)

company. A gramophone has been unpacked and is grinding out, "I'm Funny that Way" from its perch on a table nearby. Clyde De Vinna is stringing an aerial for his radio over two trees behind his tent. The White Man has come to Panyamur.

Primary Motive.

At this juncture we cease to be an expedition and become, instead, a moving picture company, on location. Henceforth our primary motive will be concerned not with the beauty of the country we are visiting, but with the quaint habits of the natives, but with the making of a moving picture. It has taken two months to get here. At times our objective has seemed so far in the future that it was difficult for any of us to resist that we were not employed by the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer company to take a Cook's Tour through Africa. But to-day such illusions are dispelled. Trees are viewed as "props," natives as "extras" and clouds as "effects." Decks are being cleared in preparation for the first day's work to-morrow.

And so, from this point in my narrative onward I shall endeavour to explain as best I can the process of making a picture. I shall forget, if I can, that I am the director, or that I possess more than the most elementary knowledge of film technicalities. I shall try, in short, to tell the story through the eyes of a novice who is witnessing the production of a film for the first time.

(To Be Continued.)

[A few issues of the China Mail of Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, containing the first three instalments of this enthralling story, are still available.]

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Feet First."

To-day—Queca's Theatre; "Whoopie."

To-day—Central Theatre; "Young Man of Manhattan."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "All Quiet on the Western Front."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Desert Song."

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Suez (Rampura).

Saturday—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Japan), 8.50 a.m.; for Europe via Marseilles (Comorin), 10.50 a.m.

Meetings.

To-morrow—China Underwriters, Hong Kong Bank Building, noon.

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 9.

follows: "He was born at high noon on a flash-bank Fourth of July at a Summer resort; and everything in his life has been like that. There was excitement about him. Where he was, things happened, things began."

Toby and Ann are real people to millions of Americans through Miss Brush's book. They actually live on the screen.

"THE DESERT SONG."

Otto Hoffman, who plays the part of Hassi in "The Desert Song," Warner Bros.' first Vitaphone operetta, now showing at the World Theatre, was born and educated in New York City.

His stage career covered twenty years during which he appeared with many stars, among them Elsie Ferguson in "The Strange Woman" and "Spring Main," Louis Mann in "The Cheat," and Selwyn's "Coming Home to Roost." His screen career includes engagements with Ince, Goldwyn, Metro and Fox. Among his pictures are "Strangers of the Night," "Sin Flood," "The Glorious Fool," "Human Wreckage," "Very Truly Yours" and "The Five Dollar Baby."

"WHOOPEE"

"Whoopie" is the first wholly satisfactory technicolour talking picture we have seen in Hong Kong. In some of the scenes the tints are as beautiful as an old Dutch oil painting and, on the whole, the film is remarkably distinct. Eddie Cantor, as the "star" man, reveals a new comedian to the local public, which has only seen him previously in one or two minor roles. He is indescribably funny, a type of American Leslie Henson, and has a clear and attractive voice.

The story runs on typical musical comedy lines and is merely a thread upon which hang dances, songs and any number of beautiful scenes. Some of the loveliest girls in America must have been sought for to enlist in the chorus, and the colour photography shows to perfection their natural hues. The male side of the cast has not been so well catered for, and, except for the big-chested half-breed who turns out in the end to be a white man, the men are not particularly good-looking. "Whoopie" is undoubtedly a great achievement for the talkies and if shows of this type continue to be produced the film industry should not suffer from depression.

"MIN AND BILL"

A ton of tuna, a few boat loads of other assorted fish and several lobsters were among the odorous "props" that helped give local colour to "Min and Bill," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's drama of the fisheries, filmed largely on location at Terminal Island, San Pedro.

Russell Hopton, who plays the "heavy" in the new picture in which Marie Dressler and Wallace Beery head the cast, passed a week hauling a tuna as large as himself about the docks on his back as part of the action of the plot. His role is that of mate on a fishing scow of which Beery is captain.

Cannery details and interesting glimpses of the work of the fishermen add an unusual touch to the picture which was adapted from Lorna Moon's widely-read novel, "Dark Star."

George Hill directed the current vehicle which will be seen on Saturday at the Queen's Theatre. The supporting cast includes Dorothy Jordan, Marjorie Rameau, DeWitt Jennings, Donald Dillaway, Frank McGlynn and Greta Gould.

COMING ???

JUST IMAGINE

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Hong Kong, 20th May, 1931.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 26th day of May, 1931, at 1 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Fuk Wing Street, Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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Mr. J. A. Verner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Lt. K. M. Woods.

AIR MAILS.

Satara, Yesterday.

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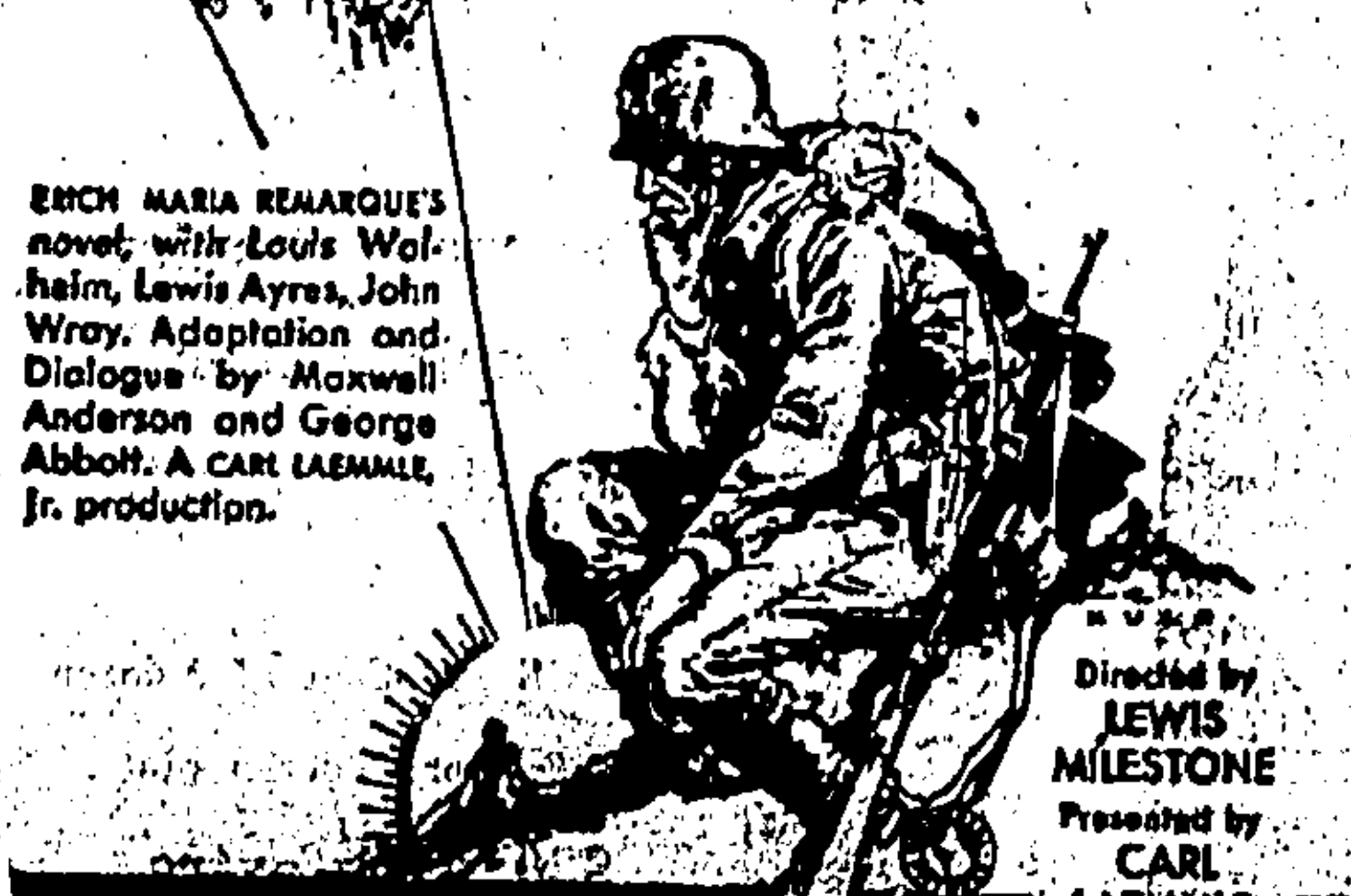
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ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT

CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

BERG DISAPPOINTS HIS SUPPORTERS.

Fatal Changing of Methods.

CANZONERI'S CAREER.

Commenting on the recent championship fight between Tony Canzoneri and Kid Berg, the British hope, Trevor C. Wignall, the Daily Express special correspondent says:—

"Berg gave the most disappointing exhibition of his career since he became world prominent. Instead of fighting Canzoneri in the expected impetuous manner, he tried to box him, and was an easy target for the Italian from the start.

"One theory now is that Berg, after all, did deprive himself of strength in making the weight, but the plain fact is that he was slow, unsure, and far more apprehensive than ever he has been before.

"Why Berg so completely changed his methods in his most important contest is a mystery, but it has to be said that Canzoneri boxed and fought like a champion, and except for one brief space in the second round, was the decided master of Berg.

"The finishing blow, a swift and terrific right lead to the point of the jaw, was the exact one that Canzoneri told me would bring him the victory."

Tony Canzoneri, although born at New Orleans 25 years ago, is of Italian descent, both his parents having migrated to the United States from Italy shortly after their marriage.

Tony began work at any early age, assisting his father in their butcher's shop at New Orleans. His aptitude for fighting soon showed itself, and by the time he had reached his middle teens he had won nearly twenty amateur contests.

Later, through trade depression, the Canzoneri family moved to Brooklyn, and here Tony was introduced to Sam Goldman, a well-known boxing promoter who is still Tony's manager. Goldman soon realised that there was the makings of a great fighter in Canzoneri, and after careful "nursing," the young boxer in 1925 was given his first professional engagement, when he met a boxer named Jack Gardner and knocked him out in the first round.

In the same year he took part in ten other contests, nearly all of which he won by knock-outs.

Since the Canzoneri has taken part in nearly a hundred contests, and the climax to his career came when he won the light-weight title last November by knocking out Al Singer after little more than a minute's fighting. He had previously been outpointed by Berg.

WELL-KNOWN ATHLETE DEAD.

Impressive Hurdling Record.

SECOND TO BURGHLEY.

Khartoum, April 28. The death in Khartoum, following an operation, of T. C. Livingstone-Learmonth, announced yesterday, comes as a great shock to the many friends and admirers of this famous Cambridge University hurdler.

Against Oxford University, at Queen's Club, in 1928, he was second in the 120 yards hurdles to G. C. Weightman-Smith, who beat him by four yards to set up an inter-Varsity record of 15.2.5 seconds. Livingstone-Learmonth ran second to Weightman-Smith in 220 yards low hurdles at the same meeting, four yards again separating the men, and the time of 24.4.5 seconds equalled the record for the event in inter-Varsity meetings.

In the British Empire games against the United States at Stamford Bridge, he was a member of the winning team in the eight-laps steepchase relay, and he ran fifth in the 400 metres low hurdles in the Olympic Games at Amsterdam three years ago. When Lord Burghley established a world's record for the 440 yards hurdles in the A.A.A. championships in 1928, Livingstone-Learmonth was second.

AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

TOLLEY DEFEATED.

Roper's Great Victory Over Voigt.

WHO WILL BE CHAMPION?

London, Yesterday.

Fifth Round Results.
Tulloch beat Wethered 1 up.
Roper beat Voigt 1 up.
Tippett beat Tolley 3 and 2.
Morrison beat A. de Forrest 4 and 3.

J. de Forrest beat A. Newey 2 and 1.
McCormack beat Straker at the 19th.
Martin Smith beat D. Fiddian 3 and 1.
P. Miller beat Beaumont Pease 2 and 1.

The championship at Westward Ho, which has been simmering with surprises throughout, to-day reached a climax when the two greatest English post-war golfers were defeated along with the last remaining foreign challenger.

The remaining players now include six Englishmen, an Irishman, and a Scotsman, none of whom has previously won the title. Roper's great win over Voigt was an astonishing example of tenacity. He was never in the lead until he holed out on the last green to secure the victory. Voigt, playing his best golf, turned 2 up and seemed well set for victory, but Roper won the 10th and 11th to square the match, then doggedly hung on till the eighteenth, where Voigt duffed his approach into a ditch.

Remarkable Incident.

Tulloch, with machine-like excellence, registered twelve fours and won the first three holes, eventually becoming one up at the turn. Tulloch then went on to win the 10th, 11th and 12th to be 4 up. Wethered rallied and won the 13th and 14th. A remarkable incident occurred at the sixteenth, where Tulloch had an easy putt for a half, a loose piece of grass causing his ball to move, Tulloch picked up his ball and in a sporting like manner conceded the hole to Wethered. The seventeenth was halved. Tulloch being dorny one, and a half at the eighteenth gave him the match.

A Tragic Touch.

Tolley's tale had a tragic touch. Tippett, who is a plus two man, has played a lot of golf in America, is now secretary to the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club, reached the last eight for the first time in his career. At the third Tippett was 2 up. Tolley squared at the seventh, where Tippett stymied himself. Tippett then went on to win the eighth in two and turned one up, his figures for the first nine holes being 37. The 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th were halved, but Tolley, taking three putts on the 14th, became 2 down. A missed putt for a birdie three at the fifteenth, short with his tee shot at the sixteenth, where Tippett, putting for a two, won the hole in three for the match, proved to be Tolley's downfall.

Earlier Cables.

At Westward Ho to-day, amid scenes more like a country fair than a championship links, 92 of the world's golfing elite set out to battle for the last eight places.

Around the first tee the price tickets on the wares on local traders' stalls flapped gaily in the breeze, while at the tenth green sat a little man beside a brazier selling cups of steaming hot tea and coffee.

Amid such a scene, Cyril Tolley narrowly escaped defeat. He turned all square, but lost the 10th, and 11th, and was two down until the 17th, where Stanley Lunt, of Moseley, found the crisis too much and topped his drive, being bunkered with his second. Tolley drew level and won at the 19th.

Voigt's missed putts added spice to his match with the veteran Bernard Darwin, until the turn, where he was two up. Then the fireworks of the American increased his lead to 4 up, with birdies at the 11th, and 12th. He lost the 18th, but the match ended at the 16th, where Darwin was bunkered and the hole was only halved.

Voigt now meets the former Nottinghamshire miner, Sam Roper, who gave Bobby Jones a fright last year in the same championship. Fourth round results are: The Corinthian Club soccer player Morrison beat Captain Pearson, 2 and 1. Scotland's hope, William Tulloch, of Cathkin, Braes, beat Alex Hill, of Sandy Lodge, 3 and 2. Wethered beat Allan Macbeth, 7 and 6. The nineteen-year-old conqueror

DENMARK & POLAND ON LEVEL TERMS.

Two Singles Matches Are Decided.

DAVIS CUP RESULTS.

Copenhagen, Yesterday. In the third round of the Davis Cup Denmark and Poland each won one singles match. Henriksen (Denmark) defeated Hobda (Poland) 6-3, 6-1, 6-2. Tloczynski (Poland) beat Ulrich (Denmark) 8-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-8, 6-2. —Reuter.

"BIG BILL" TILDEN IN FINANCIAL MOOD.

Visit to Australia May Materialise.

OTHERS IF NECESSARY.

Sydney, April 20. The offer of £3,500, or 40 per cent. of the gate receipts of the whole tour, made by the Australian Lawn Tennis Association for a tour of Australia by W. T. Tilden, has been rejected as not sufficiently attractive, but it is believed that to stimulate interest in tennis here the offer will be increased to a £5,000 guarantee, and that this will be accepted.

Tilden still has hopes of visiting Australia at the end of this year, and is to discuss the matter this month in America with Gerald Patterson, Managing Director of Spaldings, who recently left on a world tour. Tilden states that he is prepared to bring Kozeluh and three other players here if necessary.

"AUSSIES" MAY VISIT SOUTH AFRICA.

Exchange Difficulties Cause Reversal.

Johannesburg, April 15. The South Africans will lose hundreds of pounds if they carry out their cricket tour of Australia, for the Australian Cricket Board of Control has finally decided not to pay the £30 in every £100 which is the price of exchanging South African money for Australian.

The tour will probably be called off, and instead the Australians will pay their first visit to South Africa since Collins's team went there in 1921. South Africans are very keen on this reversal of the programme, but until the proposal is received in writing from the Australian Board of Control the matter will be held in abeyance. It is learned from Melbourne, however, that the Australian Board is willing to send a team to South Africa.

Of the fourteen Tests played between Australia and South Africa, the latter have won only one.

of Holderness, Alan Newey, beat Montmorency by 5 and 4.

Voigt beat Darwin, 3 and 2.

The former Surrey champion, Reg. Straker, beat Lister Hartley, 1 up.

Tolley beat Lunt at the 19th.

Douglas Fiddian, of Stourbridge, beat Darste Watson, of Royal Ashdown, 2 and 1.

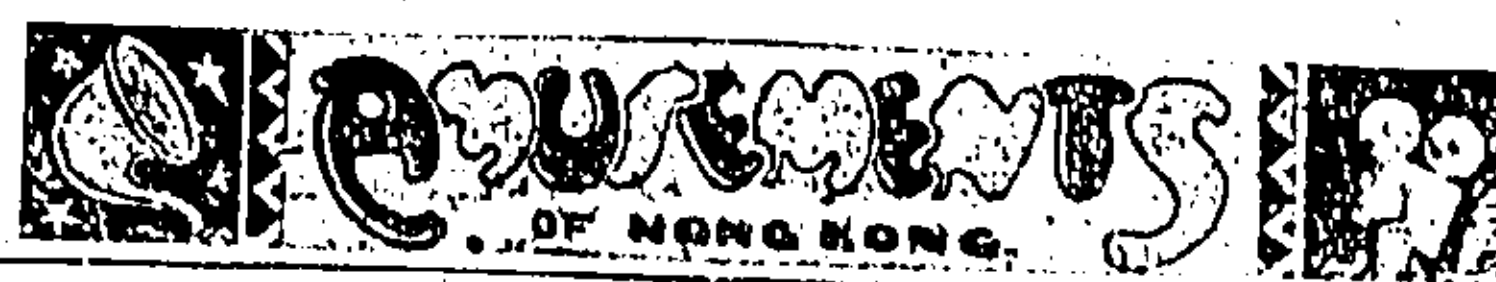
The sixty-three-year-old chairman of Lloyds Bank, Beaumont Pease, beat Syd. Matthews, of Moseley, 4 and 3.—Reuter.

One Thousand Guineas Tournament.

DUNCAN AND JOLLY FAIL TO QUALIFY.

One Hole In Fourteen.

Leeds, Yesterday. No less amazing than at Westward Ho was the Thousand Guineas Professional Tournament at Leeds, where two members of the Ryder Cup team, Duncan and Jolly, together with the strongest American challenger, Horton Smith, failed to get under the qualifying total of 150 for thirty-six holes. Two Argentine players, Freccero and Genta, and Willie Hunter, British Amateur Champion, 1921, also failed to qualify. Turness, America, headed the qualifiers with 69, 69, = 138. Other notable qualifiers were Churio, Argentine, 70, 72, = 142; Charles Whitcombe, 73, 71, = 144; Daragon, of South Lodge, had an unenviable record, of hitting five successive balls out of bounds at the eighth hole, where he registered a fourteen.—Reuter.



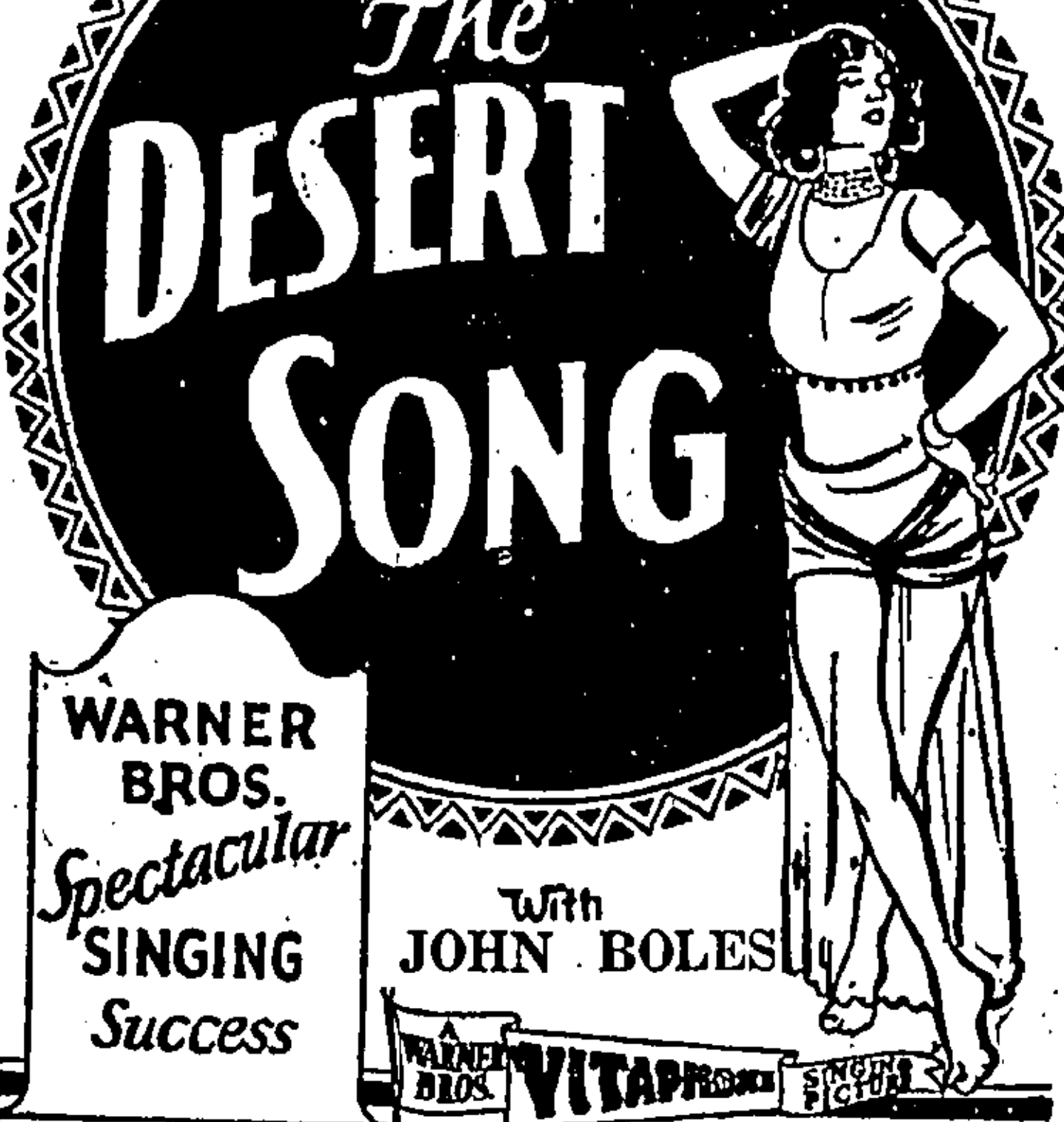
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TEAMS AND TIMES.

Undernoted are the teams chosen to play for the Hong Kong Golf Club, Junior section, and the Kowloon Golf Club over the Happy Valley course on Sunday.

Starting times have been reserved from 9 a.m. till 11.20 a.m.
9.00 & 10.12 a.m. J. D. Thomson, F. J. de Rome.
9.04 & 10.16 a.m. D. C. Wilson, W. M. Thomson.
9.08 & 10.20 a.m. C. D. da Roza, J. W. Franks.
9.12 & 10.24 a.m. A. T. Braley, C. B. Robertson.
9.16 & 10.28 a.m. J. Pooler, A. O. Brawn.
9.20 & 10.32 a.m. W. M. Groves, P. P. J. Wodehouse.
9.24 & 10.36 a.m. H. Buxton, P. Morrison.
9.28 & 10.40 a.m. W. Hyde, A. E. Charman.
9.32 & 10.44 a.m. T. J. Price, S. Stacey.
9.36 & 10.48 a.m. A. Loughton, H. Mundy.
9.40 & 10.52 a.m. J. McKelvie, H. Hampton.
9.44 & 10.56 a.m. E. C. Fincher, A. E. Clarke.
9.48 & 11.00 a.m. J. Gellately, L. E. Longbottom.
9.52 & 11.04 a.m. D. G. Reid, R. S. W. Paterson.
9.56 & 11.08 a.m. W. G. Trice, F. E. Booker.
10.00 & 11.12 a.m. J. King, J. H. B. Lee.
10.04 & 11.16 a.m. E. R. Price, H. T. Brooks.
10.08 & 11.20 a.m. E. G. Sewell, W. M. Smith.

In the last match played over the Kowloon course on Good Friday the Happy Valley players were successful by one point.

Record of Successful Season.

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS.

Mr. M. K. Lo presided over a large gathering last night, when the South China Athletic Association gave a dinner in the South China Restaurant in celebration of winning both the Senior Football League and Shield Championship.

Mr. Lo, after the toasts of "The King" and "The Republic of China" had been drunk, referred to the history of the Association, which was started in 1917 with 165 members. At the present time the membership was over 5,000. The principal activity of the Association was, of course, football, and it was remarkable the way in which the Chinese had taken up the game, and the progress they had made in the short space of fourteen years. A deep debt of gratitude was due to the British friends who had pioneered football, and ungrudgingly given their best in the way of instruction to the Chinese.

"Congratulations."

Mr. H. S. Mok proposed the toast of "The Guests," and afterward Mr. J. Ormiston replied, taking the opportunity to congratulate the South China Athletic Association on their achievements during the past season. Other speakers also added their congratulations.

"As one who is in close touch with American sportsmen in London, I may say that they would like to see the British pick up more of these international contests. As you know, the championship is most cherished is that of the heavy-weight boxers; but, given an equal amount of science, it is my firm belief that so long as the Walkers and the Striblings and the Tunneys are encouraged to develop themselves on the baseball diamond, they will continue to lick the Milligans and the Scotts, because baseball is the game that has given the punch to the American boy."—Mr. Muirhead, Secretary, Anglo-American Baseball League.

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Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/— 5/16

On Paris—
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Credits, 4 months' sight 635

On Berlin—
On demand Nom.
On New York—
On demand 23 5/16
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 7/16

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Amsterdam 12.11

Milan 92.92½

Berlin 20.42½

Stockholm 18.14½

Copenhagen 18.16½

Oslo 18.16½

Vienna 34.60½

Prague 164¼

Helsingfors 193¼

Madrid 48.40

Lisbon 108.25

Athens 375

Bucharest 417

Rio 3 7/16

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Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

LAWN BOWLS—Saturday—
Division I.—Kowloon Docks v. C.S.C.C.; Craigengower v. Revere; Police v. K.C.C.; Tai Koo v. K.B.G.C.; Division II.—Revere v. Craigengower; C.S.C.C. v. H.K. Electric; K.C.C. v. Yacht Club; K.B.G.C. v. Tai Koo.
GOLF—Sunday—Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Junior Section v. Kowloon Golf Club at Happy Valley.
Summer Cup (First Round) at Kowloon Golf Club.
RACING—Saturday and Monday—Sixth Extra Race Meeting.

HOME.

CRICKET—To-day and To-morrow—
Worcestershire v. New Zealand.
Middlesex v. Leicestershire.
Surrey v. Sussex.
Essex v. Derby.
Gloucestershire v. Lancashire.
Somerset v. Northants.
Northants v. Kent.
Cambridge U. v. Warwick.
Oxford U. v. Gloucester.
Saturday, Monday and Tuesday—
Gloucestershire v. New Zealand.
Middlesex v. Sussex.
Essex v. Worcester.
Lancashire v. Yorkshire.
Somerset v. Kent.
Northants v. Leicestershire.
Notts v. Surrey.
Warwick v. Derby.
Gloucester v. Hampshire.
GOLF—To-day and To-morrow—
British Amateur Championship at Westward Ho.
LAWN TENNIS—To-day—
French International Championships (Continued).

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 21st May, 1931.

STOCK	Buy.	Sell.	Sal.	Nom.	Fl.	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	2020	...	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) Mar. 31
Chartered Bank	12	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) Mar. 31
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	22½	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) Mar. 31
Bank of Asia	130	...	...	...	Dec.	85 for 1930; 1/100 for 1931
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1800	...	1890	...	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) Mar. 31
Union Ins.	64½	...	640½	14	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) Mar. 31
*China Underwriters	...	5.85	...	...	Dec.	Nones
China Fire Ins.	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) Mar. 31
H. K. Fire Ins.	1820	...	...	...	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) Mar. 31
Shipping.						
Douglas	35	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930
H. K. Steamboats	28	Dec.	1/100 for 1930; 1/100 for 1931
Indo-China (Pref.)	40	Dec.	(12½ ex. 2½ on preferred) for 1930 and 1931
(Def.)	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930
Shell Transport	40½	Dec.	(Interim 25 bonus 21) for 1930
Union Waterboats	27½	Dec.	1/100 for 1930
Mining.						
Benguet	9½	Dec.	Interim 25 bonus 21 for 1930
Kailan Mining Ad. s/-	30½	June	(Final 25 bonus 21) for 1930
Langkato (Single)	4.06	Oct.	1/100 for 1930
S'hai Exploration	2	Dec.	Nones
Loans	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) for 1930
*Reube	98	Mar.	(Final 25 bonus 21) for 1930
Venezuela Gold Fields	3½	...	...	...	...	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves	108	...	108½	169	Dec.	85 for 1930
H. K. & W. Docks	34	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930
South Ch. Motors	10	...	...
*China Provident (old)	2.70	Dec.	(10 cents on old) for 1930
(new)	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) for 1930
Hongkew	285	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) for 1930
N. Engineering	1	Dec.	1/100 for 1930
Shanghai Docks	112	Apr.	1/100 for 1930
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	18.20	18.36	...	...	Dec.	50 cents for 1930
(R.R.)	164	152½	...	...	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) for 1930
(R.R.)	54	...	...	...	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) for 1930
H.K. Lands	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) for 1930
Shanghai Lands	43½	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) for 1930
Humphreys (old)	18½	Dec.	50 cents for 1930
(new)	18	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) for 1930
H. K. Realities	14	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) for 1930
Chinese Estates	90	Feb.	85 for 1930
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton	18.00	Dec.	1/100 for 1930
Shanghai Cotton	101½	Apr. and Oct.	1/100 for 1930
Zwoog Sings	112	June	1/100 for 1930
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways	211	...	...	...	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) for 1930
Park Trans (old)	14½	Apr.	50 cts. on old for 1930
(new)	Apr.	50 cts. on new for 1930
Star Ferries	95	Apr.	85 for 1930
*China Light	20½	Sept.	(Final 25 bonus 21) for 1930
H. K. Electric	60½	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) for 1930
Macao	28	Dec.	...
Sandakan Light	19	June	Nones
H.K. Tels. fully paid	53	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) for 1930
part paid	80½	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus 21) for 1930
China Buses	16.00	Dec.	1/100 for 1930
S'port Tractors (Ord.)	9½	Sept.	1/100 for 1930
(Pref.)	10½	Sept.	1/100 for 1930
Industrials.						
China Sugars	80 cts.	...	In Liquidation.
Malabon Sugars	30	Dec.	Pa. 4.50 for 1930
Cald. Mag. Ord.	14	Dec.	(T. 1.50) for 1930
...	10½	Dec.	...
Canton Ice	8.80	July	Nones
*Cement (com.)	20½	Dec.	(80 cents on old) for 1930
(old)	14	Dec.	(80 cents on new) for 1930
(new)	8.15	Dec.	...
H. K. Ropes	28	Dec.	75 cents for 1930
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms	27.30	Dec.	1/100 for 1930
Watsons	10	Oct.	75 cents for 1930
Der A Wings	1	Feb.	Last dividend for 1930
Lane Crawford	6.80	Feb.	1/100 for 1930
Mackintosh	18	Feb.	1/100 for 1930
Sincere	14½	Feb.	50 cents for 1930
Wm. Powells	8½	Feb.	50 cents for 1930
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement (old)	25½	Mar.	25½ for 1930
(new)	28½	Mar.	...
Ch. Entertainment	17½
H. K. Construction	8.80	Dec.	50 cents for 1930
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The key-note of the changes was observed by a special representative who visited the palatial showrooms of the Singapore Agents, the Borneo-Chevrolet Ltd., on the occasion of the opening display.

In producing the 1931 Chevrolet the single purpose has been to make a car of such quality and refinement that its superiority will be plainly visible. Each year has marked a definite advance in the Chevrolet car but 1931 incorporates improvements quite beyond the expectations of everybody.

The new models offer a maximum comfort for their size and weight with a compactness that makes a flexible, easily handled conveyance. Three Models.

The new range for 1931 includes three standard models. The Sport Phaeton, the Special Sedan and the de Luxe Roadster. The Phaeton has as standard equipment five wire wheels, with the spare mounted in the fender well, luggage carrier and bumpers, chromium plated headlamps and head lamp bar, chromium plated cowl lamps, windshield and side pillars. The de Luxe Roadster and Special Sedan in addition to the above equipment come with a chromium plated radiator grill and six wire wheels.

Numerous changes and improvements derived from experience in building over 2,000,000 units of the

Chevrolet six have been incorporated in the 1931 series.

Fundamentally the new models embody the same basic features which have enabled the Chevrolet Six to achieve a popularity exceeding the Chevrolet former four cylinder model and four times as great as many other six cylinder cars ever produced.

However, the many improvements and refinements which have been made this year definitely increase the smartness, performance, safety and durability of the entire production.

Longer Wheelbase.

The wheelbase has been lengthened two inches. The Fisher bodies are larger, roomier and greatly improved in upholstery and general finish. The front compartment has been fully insulated. Steering has been made easier and the transmission operates quietly and with greater smoothness. Rustless chromium plate has been used generously on exposed bright parts.

Lengthening the wheelbase to 109 inches has enabled Fisher engineers greatly to improve the beauty of the Chevrolet bodies. The car presents a lower, longer, better balanced silhouette. Better proportion and further streamlining of the roof endow Chevrolet with the finest lines in the Chevrolet history.

The car has character and distinction never before achieved in the low price class. The general ensemble is striking, smart and Chevrolet's eye appeal is bound to win a host of new friends during the coming year.

The bonnet is longer with a higher crown in the upper panels. The side hood hinges have been raised to coincide with the body moulding and this moulding is continued on through the bonnet at the hinge line, the moulding being so designed that it conceals the hinges.

Better Vision.

An outstanding feature of the new bodies is the better vision made possible from the driver's seat by slightly lowering the seat and raising the header bar which runs across the top of the windshield. A further aid to clear vision for the driver is the new narrow stamped pillar at the end of the windshield which augments the safety provisions of the bar. All body mouldings are pressed integral with the body panels, thus eliminating all separately applied mouldings with their consequent difficulties. The drip moulding also is pressed integral with the roof panels. This method of construction eliminates the inevitable rust streaks and chipping of paint which result when the moulding is separately applied.

An improved rear end appearance is achieved by a newly designed panel concealing the rear cross member and the petrol tank. The black enamelled panel is set off by a large chrome plated filler cap on the tank.

The Touring car this year comes equipped with carpet mat on the floor of the rear compartment, a foot rest and a very attractive robe strap, covered with the same material as the trim. The trim itself is of the finest quality imitation leather material and is duted. The seats and cushions are well padded to provide extra comfort for the passengers.

Many improvements have been made in the engine and chassis of

the new model. The new famous valve in head six cylinder engine which Chevrolet introduced in 1928 is retained in the new car in all its fundamentals although it has been refined for greater rigidity, smoothness and durability.

The strength of the crankshaft has been increased by the addition of metal in the short arms which results in greater engine smoothness. The harmonic balancer, added during the 1930 season, has been simplified in design for the more effective damping of vibration at the critical speed of the crankshaft.

Other improvements in the engine include a re-designed clutch housing with the closure at the bottom effected through three separately removable pieces instead of one for easier access for adjustment or inspection and cooler running. A new rubber cover over the carburetor accelerator pump excludes water from the pump cylinder. A new leak-proof valve rocker cover for the top of the engine, greater pressure of piston rings against the cylinder walls to assure more effective sealing against leaks, re-designed valve push rods with the spherical socket made integral with the rod to eliminate the extra joint with its consequent possibility of wear and noise and improved water pump for greater durability, valve springs of variable pitch, assuring tight closure of valves and elimination of spring vibration, a copper mesh air cleaner and flame arrester instead of a centrifugal cleaner and a new type of crankcase ventilator, combined with the oil filler and provided with an oil separator which drains off engine fumes through the underpan instead of through the carburetor as formerly.

Refinements in design contribute materially to smoother operation and longer life of the clutch. Moulded clutch facings replace the woven type, the clutch pilot bearing instead of a bronze bushing and a spherical pivot replaces the yoke bracket and pin at the clutch fork mounting.

The cumulative effect of the improvements in the new model, which extend to every fundamental part of the chassis and body mean a safer, longer lasting, better performing and a very much smarter car.

THREE GENERATIONS.

Pre-war commercial vehicles are becoming rare, and it is rather handsome compliment to any manufacturer to be informed that a vehicle of pre-war vintage is still going strong, and is fit for yet another year or two's service.

There is, however, a surprisingly large number of old Leylands in service, and quite a large proportion of these are Overseas, where conditions are admittedly against longevity.

The Pretoria Municipality, who recently ordered a fleet of the latest type of Leyland Lioness, have three generations of Leylands in service, the first being a 1912 type 50-cwt., which is used as a tower wagon; the second, a 1921 type, omnibus, and the third, a 1931 type Lioness omnibus. These three vehicles were recently photographed together, and it is rather interesting to compare the changes that have taken place in the design of commercial vehicles during the last two decades.

MORE CAR RECORDS

British Triumph at
Monthery.

Following closely upon Captain Campbell's wonderful all-British feat at Daytona and the success of British cars in the Monte Carlo Rally, comes yet another motoring triumph for Great Britain.

On a track strewn with ice three well-known racing drivers have just concluded a record attack which cannot fail to enhance the prestige of the small British car.

The record attempt was run on the Monthery track within a few miles of Paris, and the car was a 10 h.p. Singer saloon. Taking turns at the wheel the three drivers, Messrs. E. A. D. Eldridge, G. E. T. Eyston and P. Brewster, attempted to set up a record for three days continuous running, but the weather conditions, however, were against them, for they encountered hurricanes, rain, snow and ice.

Nevertheless, the little all-British Singer obtained world's records in Class F, covering 4,000 kilometres at 55.8 m.p.h. and averaging a speed of 55.92 m.p.h. for 48 hours' continuous running.

Cabing their progress, Mr. Eyston outlined the difficulties he and his fellow drivers were experiencing. The gales were so strong that the car was several times nearly blown off the track, whilst many of the hurricane lamps used to illuminate the concrete oval at night were blown to pieces. The cold was intense, and to make matters worse the track became ice-bound.

"Never experienced such arduous conditions. Heavy snow storm, but car running splendidly," ran one of Mr. Eyston's cables. But eventually the weather became so bad that it was necessary to give up the three-day attempt, although only four more hours' driving were required.

The feat is all the more meritorious in view of the fact that the car used was not a specially prepared racing model, but a normal saloon, not stripped in any way, and having a full catalogue specification.

AUTOMATIC JACK.

Operated from Inside
Car.

An automatic jack, which is operated from the driver's seat, made its appearance on the French market recently. It consists of two pairs of telescopic hydraulic jacks attached to the front and rear axles, and operated by a pump put into motion by means of the vacuum in the intake pipe. The four jacks are comparatively small cylinders, attached to the axles by means of clips, in somewhat the same way as springs are attached, and, when closed are usually several inches higher than the lowest part of the chassis. The induction pipe is tapped at a suitable point, and a connection made to a distributor unit, mounted on the dashboard or the instrument board. With the engine throttled down and considerable vacuum existing in the induction pipe, a suction is created in the compressor mounted on some suitable part of the chassis, and the oil is delivered to the pump and sent under pressure to the four jacks.

STORY OF TRIPLEX.

Glass Compulsory on
Windscreens.

Hidden away amongst the multitude of wordy clauses in the Regulations concerning the Construction and Use of Motor Vehicles, issued by the Ministry of Transport in Great Britain recently, is one which makes safety-glass compulsory on the windscreens and front windows of all vehicles, except the top decks of buses.

Motorists may be forgiven if they have not noticed the clause, because for several years now Tripex has been a commonplace on private cars and to-day the phrase "Tripex all round" is a sine qua non of even the cheapest motor car specification.

The story behind this state of affairs is an exceptionally interesting one. It was in 1912 that Mr. Reginald Delpech introduced safety-glass to Britain and founded the Tripex Safety Glass Company. He had an uphill fight, however, for the open car was the order of the day and saloons were almost unknown.

Then came the war, and the demand for Tripex for the Navy, Army, Air Force and even ammunition factories, was enormous. By 1918 the output had risen to an annual rate of approximately 120,000 square feet, but after the Armistice it naturally declined. The growth of the closed type of car augured well for the future, but recovery was confessedly slow. Then, on March 31, 1927, Mr. Henry Ford had a motor accident. Mr. Delpech cabled him in hospital, as follows:—"Regret to hear of your accident. Trust you have not been cut by broken glass. Fit Tripex and be safe. Tripex, London."

Now, Mr. Henry Ford has never been slow to appreciate the possibilities of a new proposition. Seven months later he signed a contract for the standardisation of Tripex on all Ford cars in America. Within a few months it was obtainable as a standard extra on many of the more important British makes. The tide had turned. It could not be long before some manufacturers fitted it as standard. In actual fact the first British concern to do so on all models was the Riley Company in October, 1928.

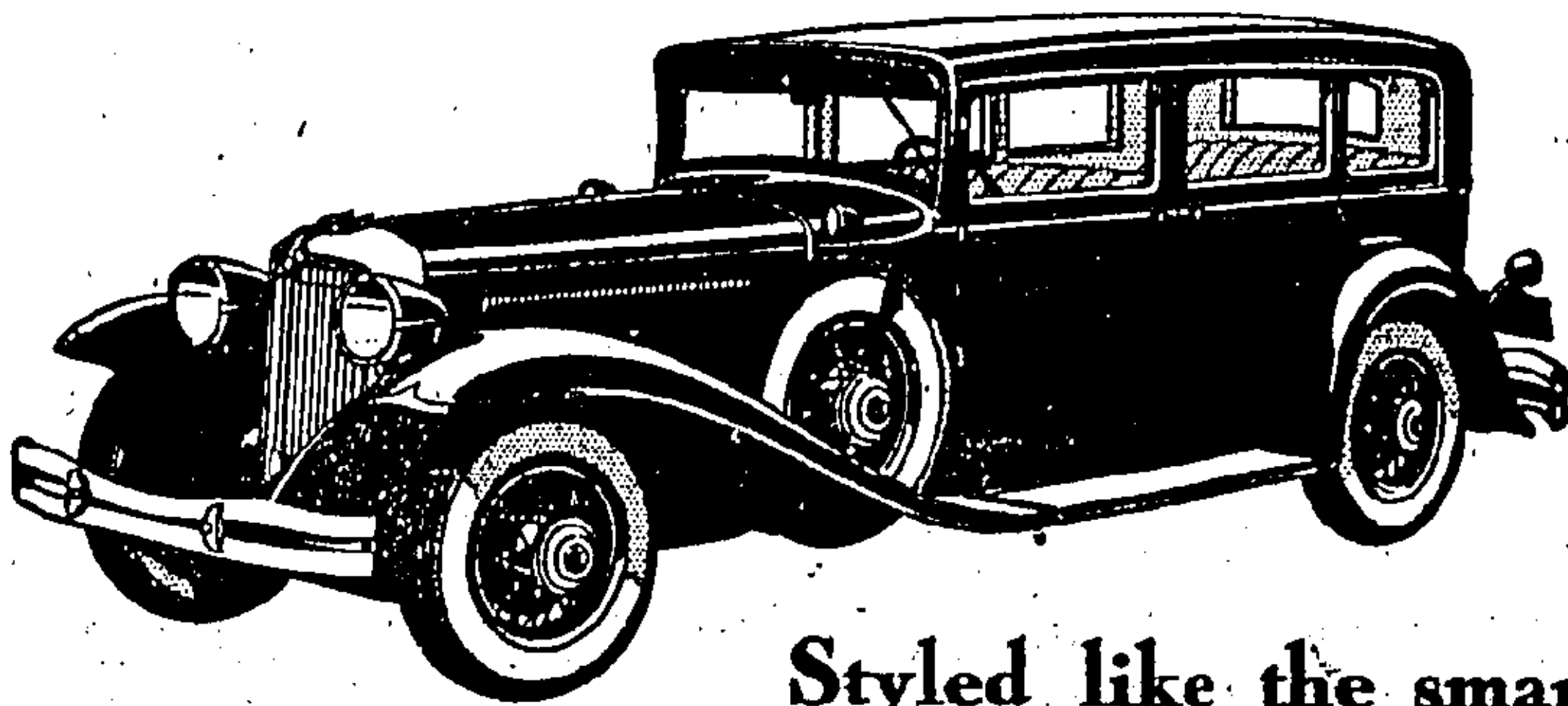
Other manufacturers followed suit, and the result was soon such a demand for Tripex that the old works at Willesden were unable to cope with it and great new works at King's Norton were purchased and equipped. To-day there is hardly a make of car on the market that has not "Tripex all round" in the standard specification. In 1930 the output was approximately 2,000,000 square feet.

After eighteen years of uphill fight, safety glass has been recognised by legislators and is made compulsory. This is possibly the greatest tribute that has ever been paid to a single manufacturer, and it may fairly be claimed that Mr. Delpech has done more than any single man in this country to promote the safety of the motoring public.

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Britons' 221-Day Journey.

On April 24, 1930, two young Britons, Mr. C. E. Shipman and Mr. J. B. Dixon, left Coventry for a tour round the world in a nine-horse-power car, an 18,000-mile journey.

The car was equipped with special coach-work, mounted on a chassis standard in every way, except for additional petrol tanks and large road wheel, with rear axle gearing to suit. The coachwork incorporated several items of interest, such as the provision for carrying the very complete tool kit in the doors, commodious and comfortable sleeping accommodation, with mosquito protection, and copper water tanks.

Leaving Liverpool on the liner Duchess of Bedford, the two men landed at Quebec, and proceeded via Toronto, Detroit, Chicago, Omaha, and Salt Lake City, to San Francisco. Here they turned north to Vancouver and British Columbia; south again to Los Angeles and San Diego, and back once more to San Francisco, whence they shipped for New Zealand, via Honolulu and the Fiji Islands.

After touring the North Island they embarked at Wellington for Australia. They landed at Sydney, and drove to Melbourne and Adelaide, which was the starting point for the very gruelling trans-continental trip to Perth. They then took a boat for Sourabaya, toured Java, and crossed from Batavia to Singapore.

The next overland section led them to Penang, whence they shipped for Colombo. After a few days in Ceylon they decided to travel through India. There they were much hindered by swollen streams, which made fords impassable, but once they reached Madras the remainder of the Indian trip was plain sailing, for they enjoyed a non-stop run of 957 miles to Bombay, unofficially breaking the record for this section.

Shipping to Basra, they followed the Tigris Valley to Bagdad, whence they branched off for Teheran, in Persia. They then returned to Bagdad and joined a convoy—most necessary for safety in that part of the world—across the Syrian Desert to Damascus.

From Damascus a good road led them to Beirut, whence they embarked for Brindisi. After touring Italy, France, Austria, Hungary, Germany and Belgium they returned

to Britain, reaching London on December 2.

This world tour has created immense interest in each of the many countries which have been traversed. Whilst the two young adventurers must undoubtedly have enjoyed it, it was far from a pleasure trip pure and simple. Appalling surfaces and most arduous conditions have been encountered, and the mileage covered has been enormous—approximately 18,000 miles; yet at the same time the trip has been one of the fastest world tours on record.

ALBIONS v. THE REST.

That Albions have a way of triumphing over circumstances was clearly shown when the two 4-tonners recently purchased by Clyde Cargo Steamers, Ltd., for their "Glasgow-West Highland" road service went out on their acceptance test over "Rest and be Thankful." The two chief snags were:—

(1) The "Rest" was covered with deep snow.

(2) The date was Friday, the 13th.

Possibly, however, the snow had something to do with turning "black Friday" into one of a much paler shade, for the only stop was caused by a touring car, the driver of which endeavoured to climb the hill without chains, and after getting up part of the way, began to slip back. The only other car seen on the hill was a small six-wheeler which had stuck completely.

Chains were fitted at the foot of the "Small Rest" and the two Albions with their full loads of test weights, climbed steadily to the top. Needless to say, the representatives of Messrs. Clyde Cargo Steamers, Ltd., were satisfied.

So, in spite of the crookedness of the opposition (for no one could call "the Rest" straight)—Albions were on top.

MUD-SPLASHER FINED.

Pedestrians who received a mud bath when a chauffeur drove his truck through a puddle of water next to the kerbstone in a Berlin street filed a complaint, and the chauffeur was summoned to court. The evidence showed that he had plenty of room to turn out and avoid the puddle, and the court imposed a fine of three marks. Similar decisions have been rendered also by Bavarian courts.

AMBULANCES.

A Hospital's Transport Fleet.

The numerous incidental activities of a Hospital are usually overlooked by the general public, greater attention of necessity being paid to the humane work which is being carried on.

It may, therefore, be a surprise to many people to know that there is only one hospital in existence which possesses its own transport fleet. This is the Seamen's Hospital Society, whose head branch is at Greenwich, but who control seven other hospitals which deal with over 33,000 patients of at least 68 nationalities every year.

It is said that at the Seamen's Hospital for tropical diseases in London, no sailor is surprised to meet an acquaintance whom he expected to be at the other end of the world, and this serves to show how universal are the activities of this remarkable hospital.

As already indicated, the Seamen's Hospital operate a small fleet of motor vehicles, one fitted with an ambulance body, another with a convertible ambulance body, another with a laundry van body and yet another which is used as a runabout van. The first three cars are Guy vehicles which were delivered in 1923, whilst the runabout van is an Austin 12 h.p. vehicle, delivered in 1924.

Three drivers are regularly employed and carry out between them all the necessary work, including running repairs. A proof of the efficiency of the drivers and of the vehicles is furnished by the fact that although the four vehicles cover an aggregate mileage of over 24,000 in a year, the total all-in cost is under £1,000, whereas the contract rate for hiring one ambulance is often as much as £600 over a similar period.

It is interesting, as illustrative of the work these ambulances do, that on a recent occasion when there was a serious outbreak of Malaria on an incoming P. & O. boat, 25 patients were successfully collected from the Albert Docks and placed safely in bed at the Dreadnought Hospital, within the space of one and a half hours. In addition to working with the London Docks the ambulances are also called upon to take off patients at Tilbury. The laundry van is continually running between the branch of the Albert Dock Hospital, where the laundry is situated and the seven other branches, whilst the vans are engaged in transporting food from one branch to another.

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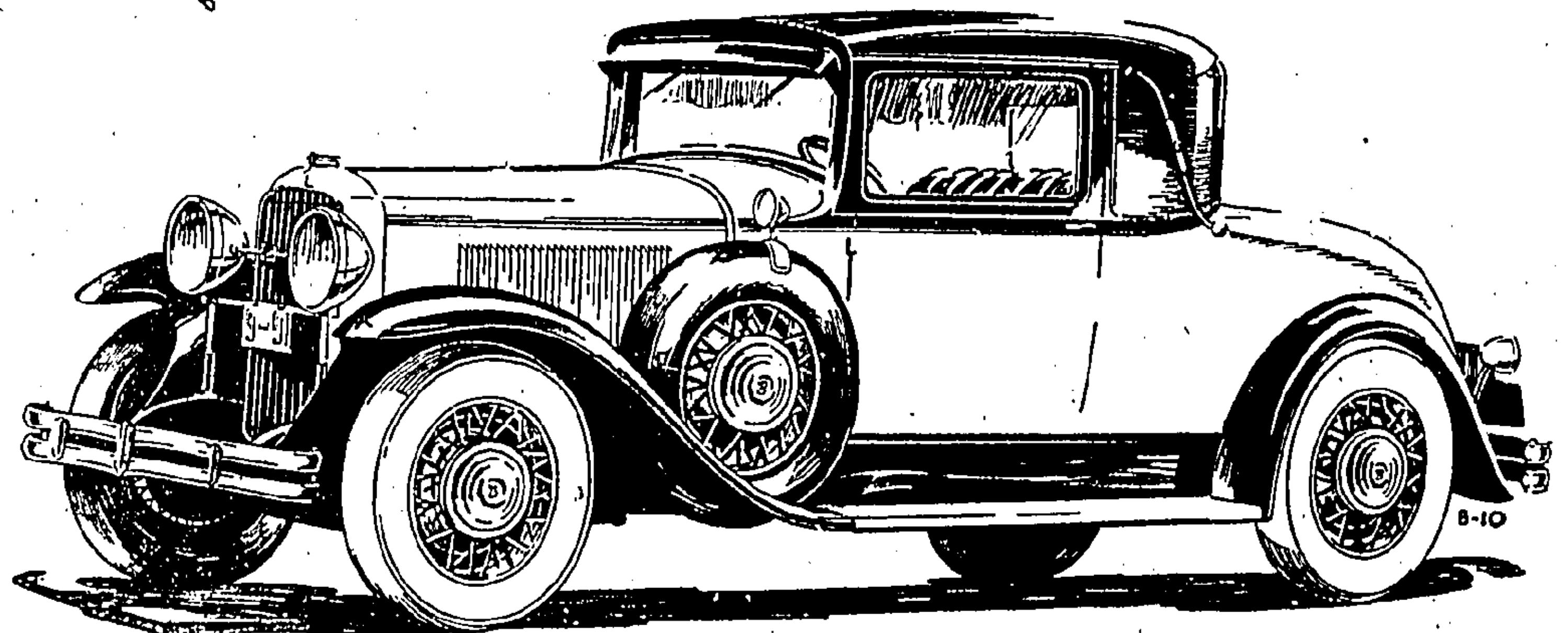
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4 MORE RECORDS.

M. G. Midget Exceeds 103 M.P.H.

When "Baby" cars were first marketed a few years ago, their staunchest adherents would scarcely have prophesied that by 1931 they would be capable of records. Yet that they are so capable has just been proved at the Montlhery track, near Paris.

Driving an M. G. Midget, Mr. G. E. T. Eyston recently broke four world's records at speeds varying from 101.8 to 103.1 m.p.h. He thus has the honour of being the first man to attain 100 m.p.h. on a "Baby" car.

The actual speeds, subject to confirmation, were as follows:—5 kilometres, 103.13 m.p.h.; 5 miles, 102.76 m.p.h.; 10 kilometres, 102.43 m.p.h.; 10 miles, 101.87 m.p.h. The performance is the more remarkable in that, it is stated, the air pressure on the petrol feed caused leaks, so that the driver was forced to use the hand pump continually. Mr. Eyston used Wakefield "Castrol" oil, and the car, which is the property of a private enthusiast, Mr. J. A. Palmes, is the same one with which speeds of from 96 to 97 m.p.h. were attained a few days earlier.

DUST AND DAMAGE.

Dust and mud, of course, are the bugbears of the motorist who takes a pride in his car's appearance. The work of hours' washing and polishing may be ruined in an afternoon, and once again he must resort to hosepipe or patent cleaner.

Let him take heart, though. If dust is annoying and troublesome to him, it is far more so to those who make his safety glass. He, at least, can wash it off, but if a speck of dust gets into the glass-celluloid sandwich of his Triplex during manufacture, that pane of glass, with all its cost of labour, is scrapped!

The "heart" of a piece of Triplex is undeniably the very purest thing in the world. It is washed, scrubbed and polished continually throughout its manufacture and is also rigidly examined by experts from time to time. These experts do not mind getting their fingers dirty, for they can wash the outside of the glass, but all the dirt in the world cannot remove interior blemishes. For this reason, of course, the Triplex factory is essence of cleanliness.

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"DRAIN—FLUSH—RE-FILL."

The motorist to-day has been so well educated as to the desirability of draining the used oil from his crankcase and replenishing with fresh oil that the phrase "Drain, Flush and Re-Fill" has almost passed into everyday use.

In many cases, however, the benefit derived from the insertion of fresh oil is to a large degree marred by inefficient flushing. At one time it was believed that the best way of flushing was to swirl paraffin through the engine, in order to remove sludge and dirt from the oil-passages and interior of the crankcase.

It is now known, however, that although it may remove foreign matter, paraffin itself has a detrimental effect on the engine. For one thing, it actually rusts the metal; for another, it tends to clog the small oil-ways, etc., and to prevent the new oil from entering them. The resulting damage, of course, is incalculable.

The failure of paraffin to perform the work has led to the introduction of a fluid known as flushing oil. Various makes of this are available, and most garages keep it in bulk for use on customers' cars; one firm, also, for the convenience of owner drivers, is retailing it in tins.

To use a flushing oil, drain the crankcase—when the engine is warm so that the oil flows more readily—and re-place the plug. Pour in the necessary quantity of flushing oil and start up the engine, allowing it to idle for a short time; this will do no harm for the flushing oil is a lubricant as well as a cleanser. Then drain the sump once more and the engine will be spotlessly clean and ready for the new lubricant.

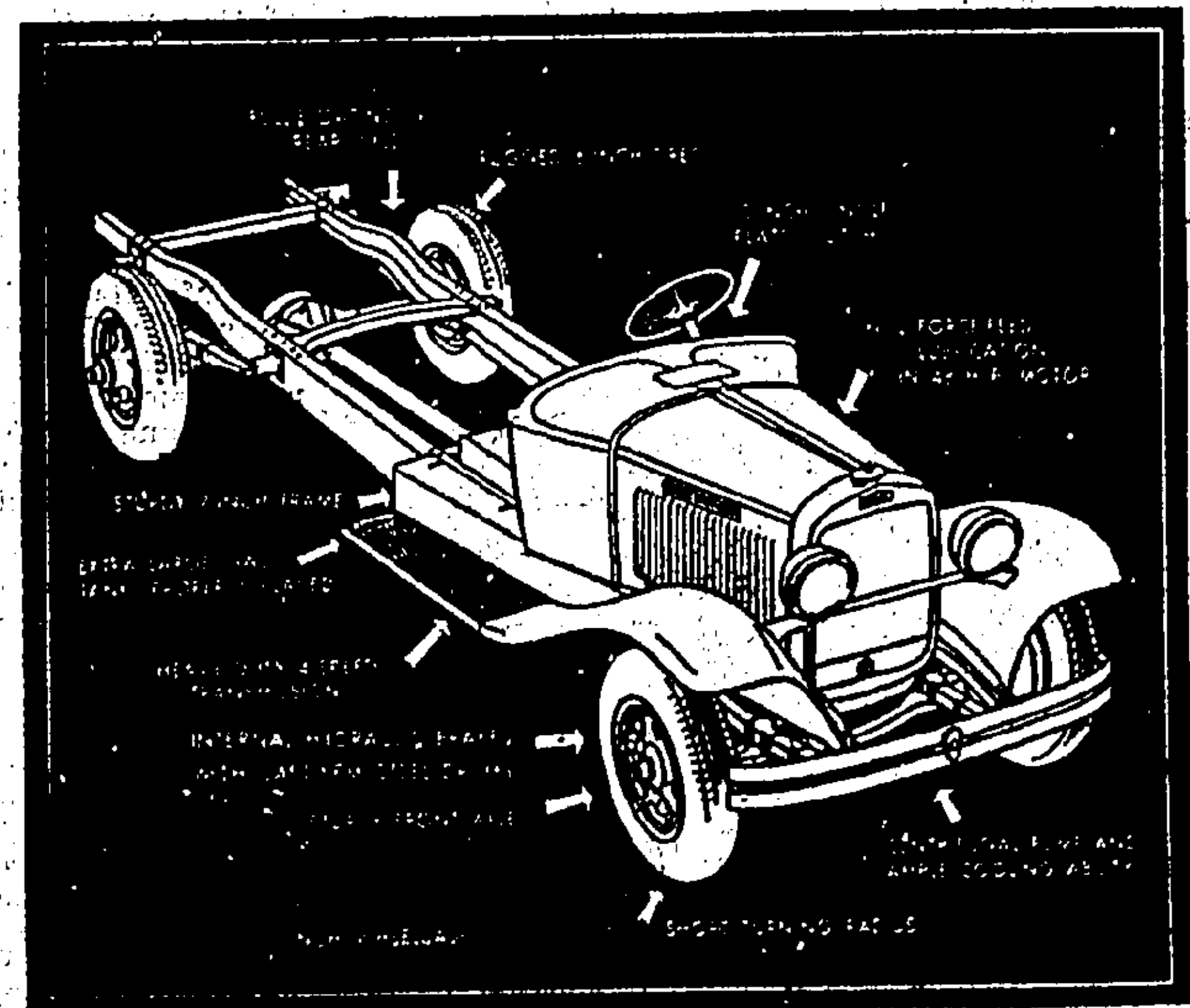
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WAR PREPARATION IN PROGRESS.

Plans Drawn Up Already
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EXPEDITION AGAINST CHIANG.

Canton, Yesterday.
With the arrival of the Ironside and Kwangsi Generals, an important military conference will be held at Canton soon. General Tsai Ting-kai of the 60th Division is reported to be on his way back to Canton with the object of participating in the deliberations. Following the conference, the allied forces will launch a punitive expedition against Chiang Kai-shek, according to plans drawn up.

General Pei Hsueh-hsi declared that Kwangsi alone can mobilise 50,000 men for the campaign and these will make Changsha, the capital of Hunan, as their objective. The Ironside-Kwangsi forces are heretofore known as the 1st Army Corps, comprising troops belonging to the Ironsides, under General Chang Fat-kwei; to Hunan, under General Tang Seng-ming; and to Kwangsi under General Li Chung-ven.

General Tang Seng-chi. The officers and soldiers of the Hunan troops under Generals Chow Lan and Tang Seng-ming have sent a wire to General Tang Seng-chi, inviting him again to take command of the Hunan troops now in Kwangsi, known as the 8th Army.

General Tang Seng-chi rendered valuable services in the Northern Expedition. He commanded the 1st Division in Hunan, having combined with the Northern Expedition forces for the overthrow of Chao Heng-tieh, the then Military Governor of Hunan. Wu Pei-fu and Sun Chuan-fung. He is another who is noted for great courage and quick decision in the field of battle. He has been living a life of retirement in Hong Kong after attempting to overthrow Chiang Kai-shek in last year's campaign. Many of the present Generals in Hunan, Hupeh and Kwangsi are his old followers, so that when he comes out openly to take part in the anti-Chiang movement, it is thought that many troops now under Chiang will turn over to his side.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei. All eyes are now focused on the movement of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the veteran Kuomintang leader, whose arrival at Canton will mark the formation of a new Military Government in the South. According to authentic reports, Mr. Wang will visit Canton to assist in the inauguration of the new Government after the Ironside-Kwangsi Generals, Chang Fat-kwei and Pei Hsueh-hsi, have conferred with General Chan Chai-tong on military affairs. It is anticipated that Mr. Wang will be in Canton within this week.

Mr. Hsiao Fat-cheng. Mr. Hsiao Fat-cheng, one of the four Central Supervisory Committee members who issued the anti-Chiang manifesto, is expected in Hong Kong to-day from Annam and immediately upon arrival will come to Canton.

Shih Yu-san on Canton Side. General Shih Yu-san is reliably reported to have thrown his lot with Canton and allies against Chiang Kai-shek. General Shih has concentrated his forces at Changho, detaining every rolling stock within his jurisdiction, so that train service in the northern section of the Peiping-Hankow line has been suspended since the 17th.

It is strongly current that the allied forces in the North, including those under Shih Yu-san, Sun Tien-

FATAL LANDSLIDE.

MINIATURE MOUNTAIN OF
DEBRIS.

GENERAL KILLED.

Tours, Yesterday.
Hope that one or more of a number of persons entombed in a serious landslide, which occurred yesterday, may be miraculously recovered alive, has been encouraged this morning, after a rescue party, at the peril of their own lives, worked in drenching rain all night long in removing a miniature mountain of debris.

They heard a woman's voice, and the workers are now redoubling their energy, watched and cheered on by Mrs. Dunlap.

It has been ascertained that General Dundap was buried in the landslide when attempting to rescue a woman who was trapped in a cave.

Rescued Alive.

Later.
Mrs. Briant, who was one of three persons entombed, has been rescued alive, but her left leg was crushed and has had to be amputated, her condition being very grave. The body of General Dundap has been extricated, dreadfully crushed. The corpse of Mr. Briant is visible under a rock.—Reuter.

REDS' OUTRAGE.

BISHOP AND FOUR PRIESTS
CAPTURED.

THREE CHINESE KILLED.

Peking, Yesterday.
The Apostolic Delegation here has received a telegram from Luohokow, in Hupeh province, stating that Communists invaded the Catholic Mission at Chayuen-kow, near Luohokow, and killed three Chinese priests.

They also dispersed the people at the seminary, and carried off Bishop Ricci and Fathers Checencel, Lazzeri, Maggini and Santini.—Reuter.

ying and Sung Chih-yuan have elected Feng Yu-hsiang as Commander-in-Chief in the coming anti-Chiang expedition. Generals of the Northern provinces are busily engaged in defensive measures.

Shansi Troops Moving. The Shansi troops under General Peng Peng-tze, having pledged their allegiance with those under the Kuomintang, are now moving from Liang-tse-Kuan Pass toward Cheng Ching. Reports are to the effect that General Yen Hsi-shan, the bitter enemy of Chiang Kai-shek, has commissioned his personal representatives from Dairen to Shansi on an important mission regarding the present situation. On this account, General Shang Chen, the Shansi Chairman, suddenly left Peking for Shansi last week-end.

Shantung General. The Shantung General Ma Hsueh-kwei, son of the Mohammedan General Ma Fu-hsiang, who has a command of over 20,000 strong in the southern sector of Shantung, has declared his support to the anti-Chiang movement. Defensive measures are being adopted around the area of Taining.

Hunan Situation Precarious. That the situation in Hunan has become very precarious, is evidenced by the wire sent to Ho Chien in Nanking by the Acting Chairman Sung Hsueh-kun, who stated in his telegram that many generals in the province have shown their sympathy towards Canton and that Ho Chien is requested to return to Changsha immediately to deal with the present situation. He is now conferring with Chiang on the question of reinforcements, without which he dare not return to Hunan, reports the Canton Gazette.

NEW SURGICAL INVENTION.

The Camera White
Light.

X-RAY SURPASSED.

Dr. G. E. Mason, who recently arrived for a short stay in the Colony, is demonstrating a new surgical invention, which has been perfected after years of research, known as the Cameron Electro-Diagnoset. The instrument, it is claimed, produces a cool, white ray of light, by which the soft tissues of the body can be examined in detail. It is the invention of Dr. W. J. Cameron, a Scottish research physician in Chicago, and is already in use by more than 160,000 doctors in the United States and Britain.

A China Mail representative was privileged to obtain a private (and non-technical) demonstration of the Cameron light. Connected to the ordinary lamp socket, in conjunction with a special apparatus devised by Dr. Steinmetz, lately research expert of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York, the tissues surrounding the teeth, sinuses, the eyes and ears, were clearly exposed.

Better Than X-Ray.
Dr. Mason explained that the white light ray is in no sense an X-Ray process; in fact, it surpasses the X-ray in the sense that it is possible to detect defects in tissue structure, whereas the operation of the X-ray is confined to the observation of the bones of the body. The Cameron ray has been of particular value in the study of cancer in the breast, and Dr. Mason produced a series of striking photographs from the official organ of the American College of Surgeons in proof of his contentions. Dr. Mason also demonstrated the practical value of the white ray in examining conditions of the eye and the ear-drum, and in addition, showed the worth of the perfected invention in seeing through the tissue of the hands. In abdominal diagnosis, he said, the new ray had proved of the greatest value, as it was perfectly cool, and allowed the examination of infections to be carried out with complete safety and security.

Widespread Interest.
The apparatus has been the object of much interest amongst dentists and physicians throughout the Far East. Dr. Mason lectured before the Rotary Club of Tientsin on the subject, and also addressed the Shanghai Medical Society. It is also understood that one of the sets was taken, together with a specially designed generator, on a North Polar flight, and proved invaluable.

The work of the Cameron light in investigation of blood vessels has also called forth unanimous approval from the medical fraternity. It is claimed for the light that it is possible to detect symptoms of Bright's disease at least 12 or 18 months before the sufferer feels actual pain or discomfort. Dr. Mason is demonstrating the light to interested members of the local medical fraternity, to whom he will lecture in the course of the next few days.

SILENCE NOT GOLDEN.

Chicago, May 18.
Silence may be golden, but it does not appeal to Mrs. Valentine Weber. She filed a suit for a separate maintenance yesterday, alleging that her husband had not spoken to her during the last four years, except on one occasion, the exception, she related, was when they were on a fishing trip, and he used strong language because she allowed a fish to wriggle off her hook.—American Wireless.

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